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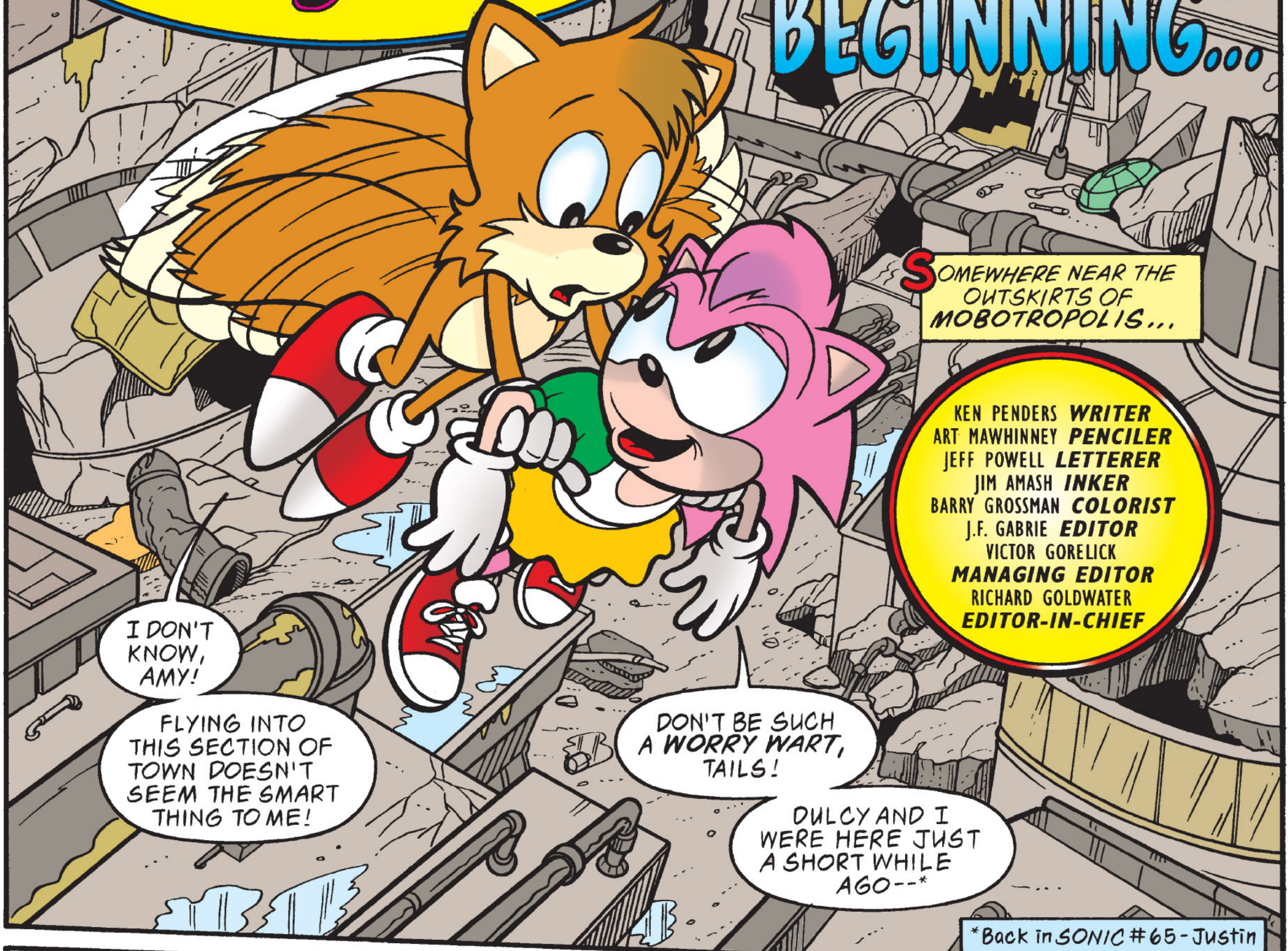
**THE
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BEGINS
NOW!**

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Tails & amy rose

IN THE BEGINNING...



SOMEWHERE NEAR THE OUTSKIRTS OF MOBOTROPOLIS...

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I DON'T KNOW, AMY!

FLYING INTO THIS SECTION OF TOWN DOESN'T SEEM THE SMART THING TO ME!

DON'T BE SUCH A WORRY WART, TAILS!

DULCY AND I WERE HERE JUST A SHORT WHILE AGO---

*Back in SONIC #65 - Justin



--AND EVERYTHING WAS REAL KEWL!

SPEAKING OF KEWL--

THERE IT IS!

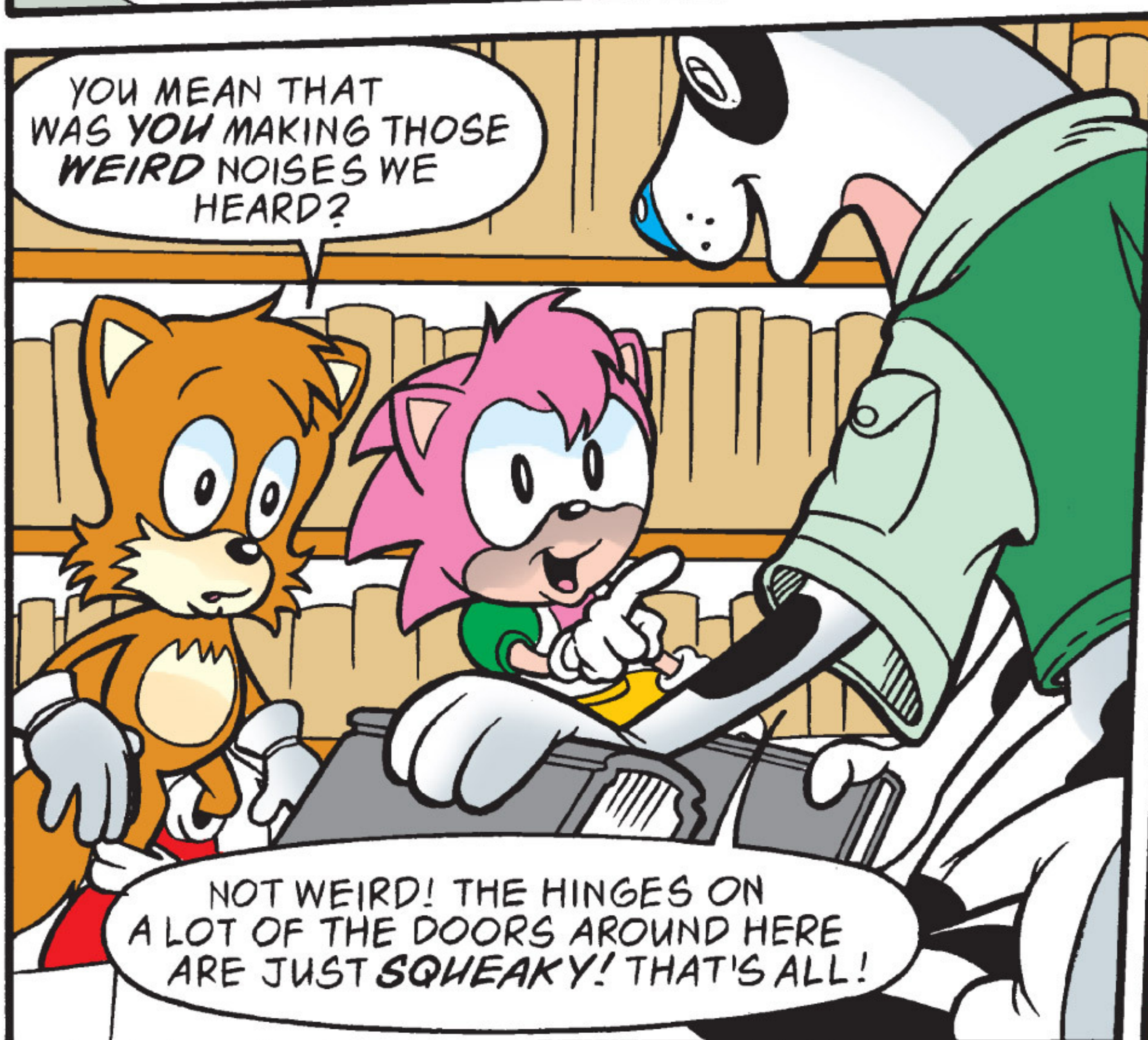
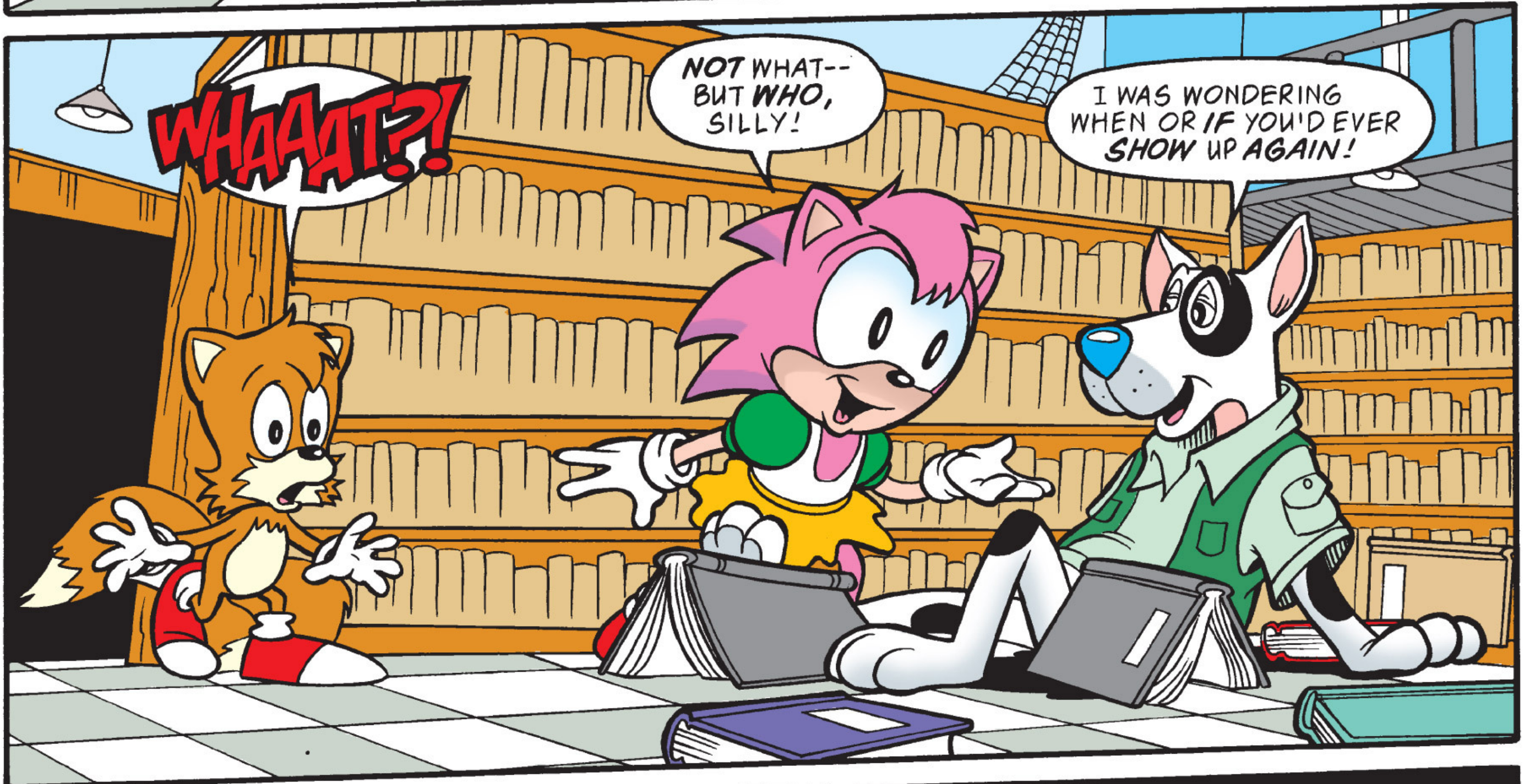
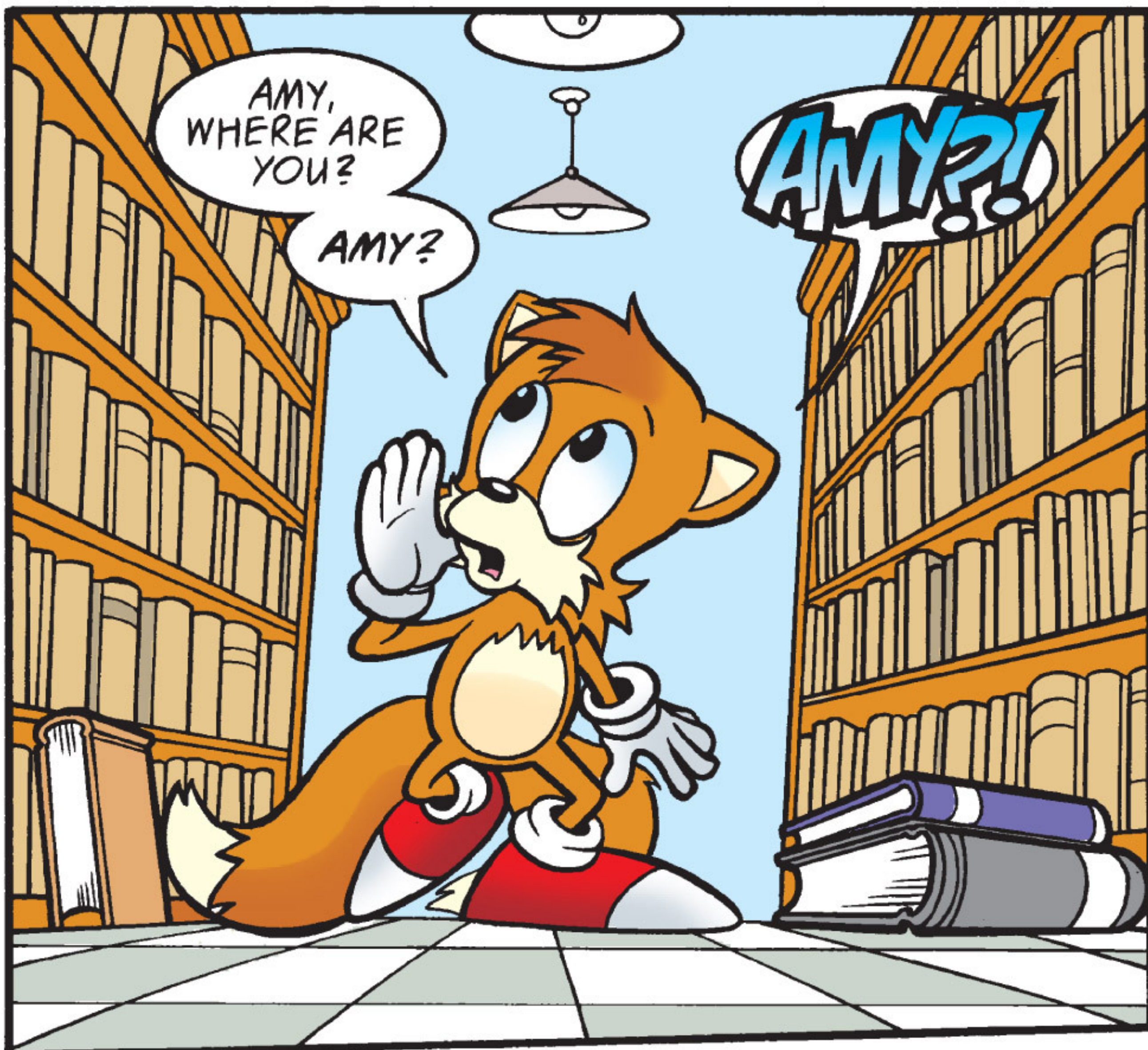
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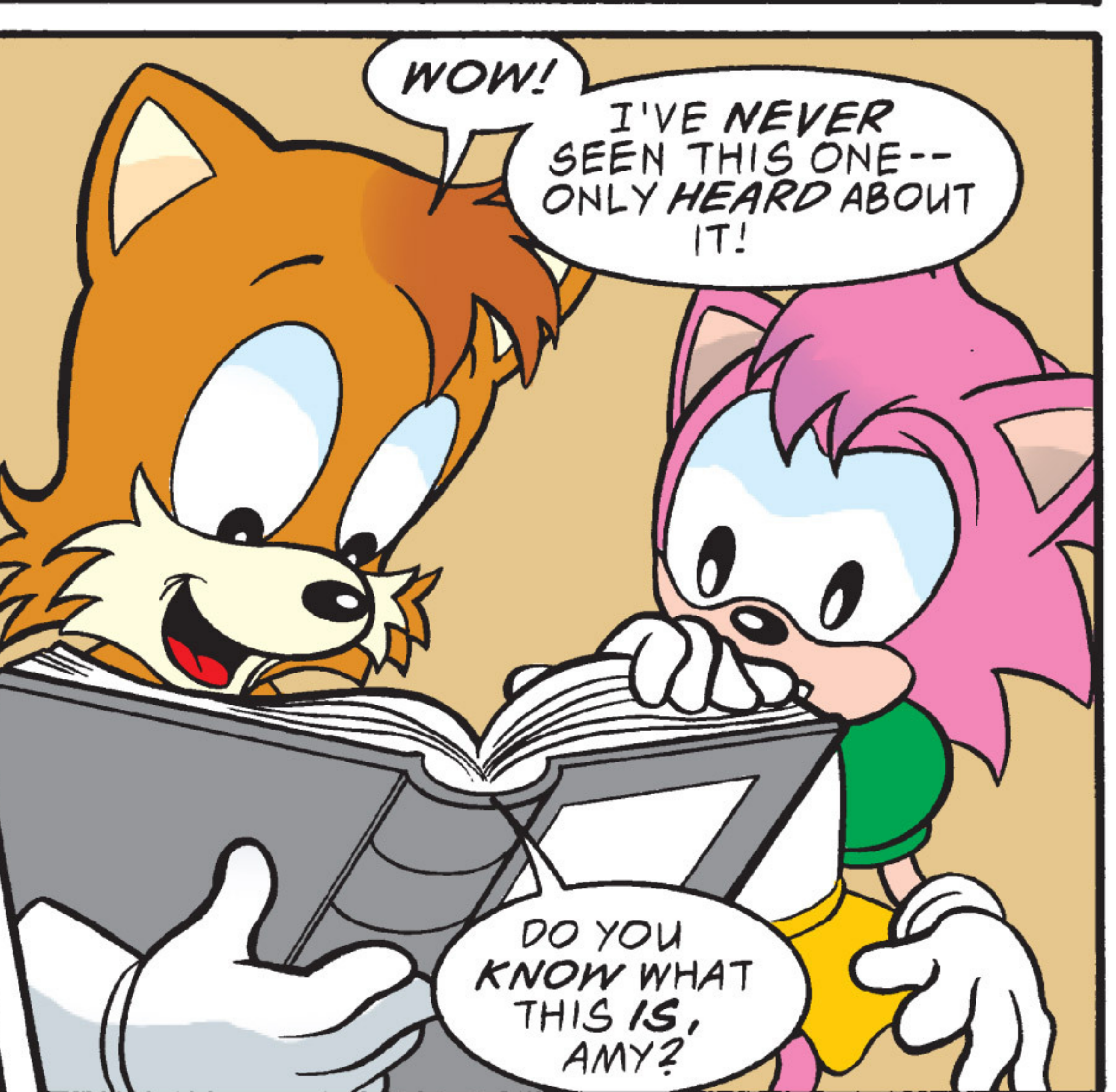
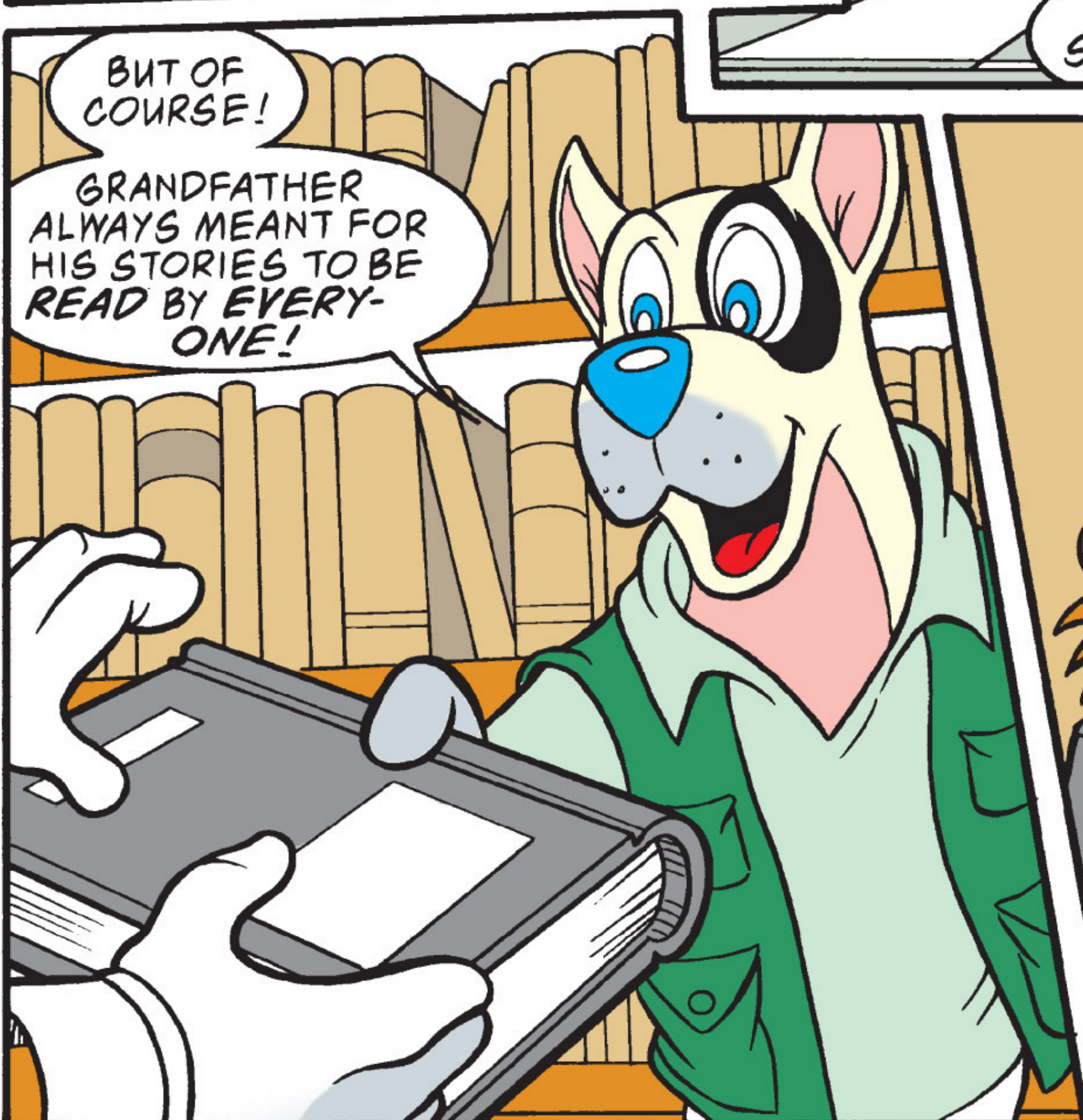
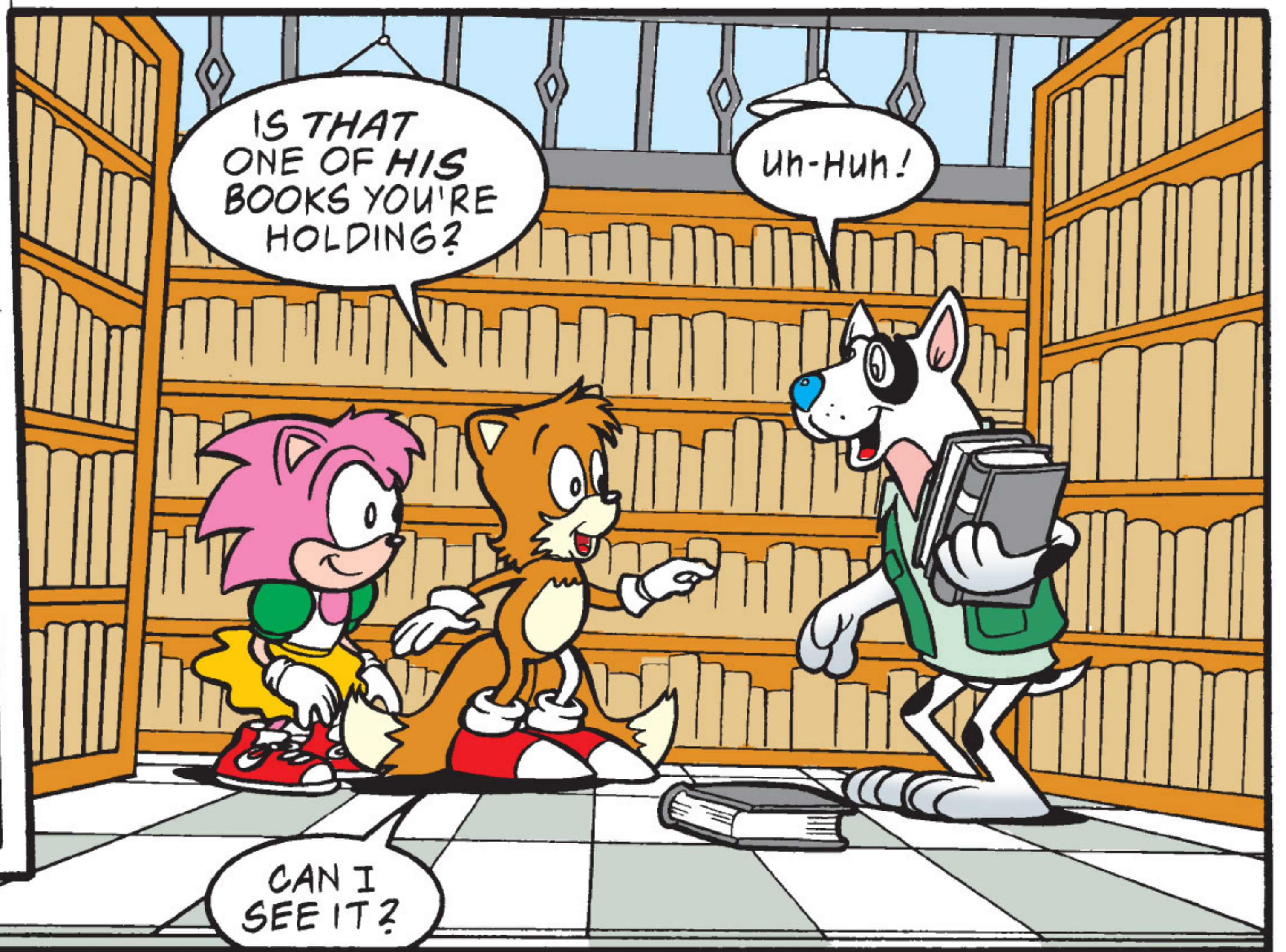
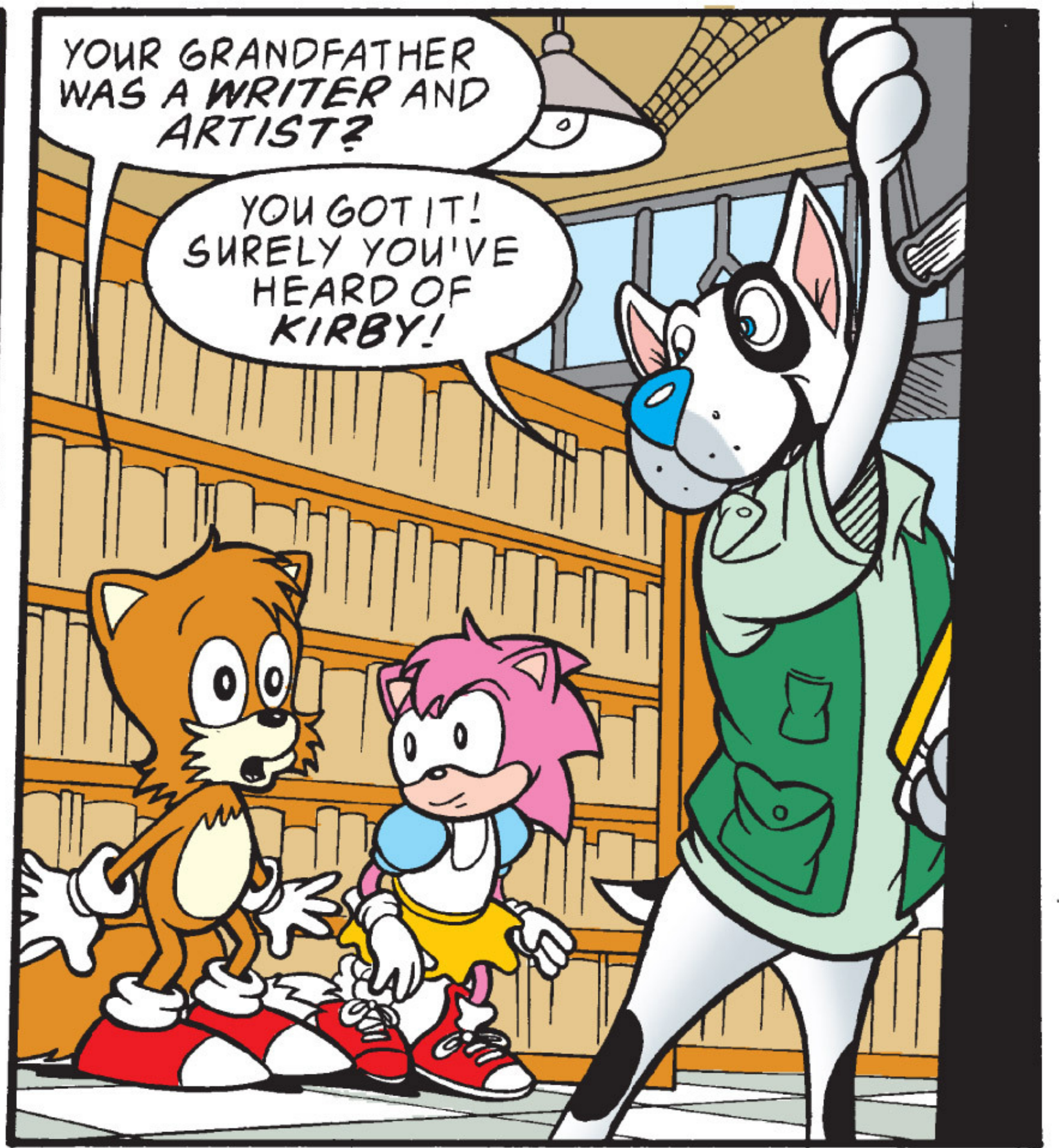
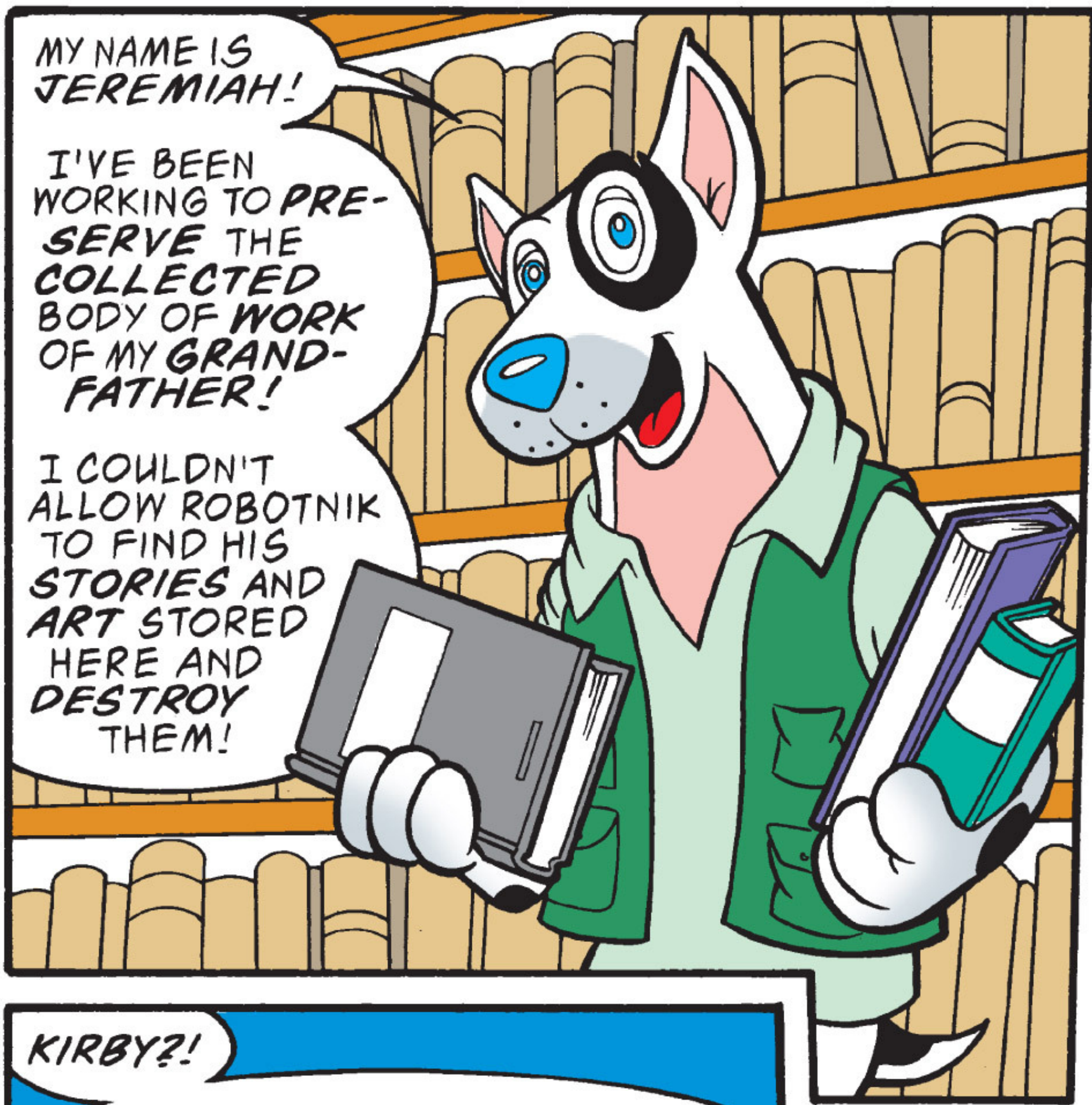


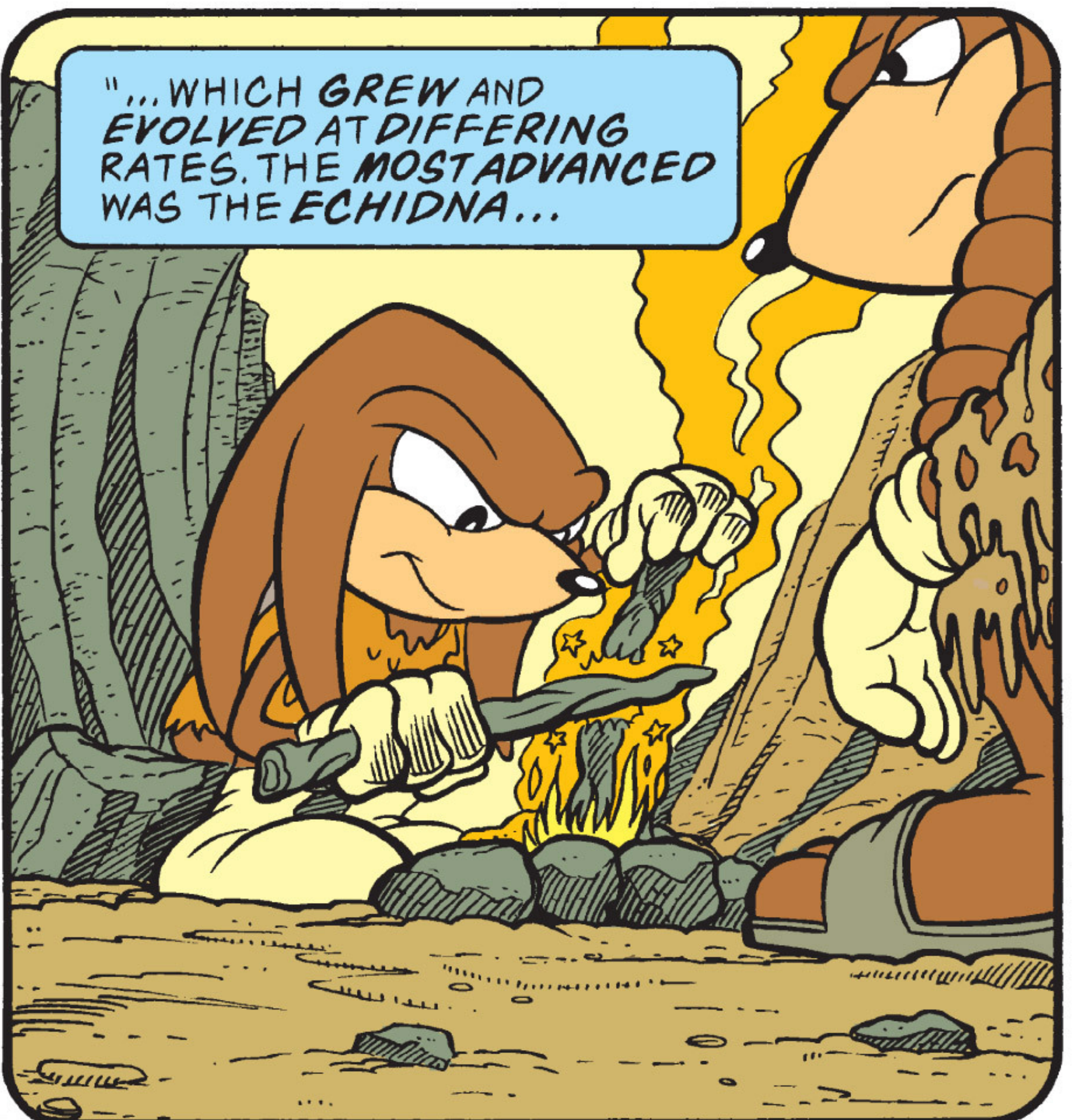
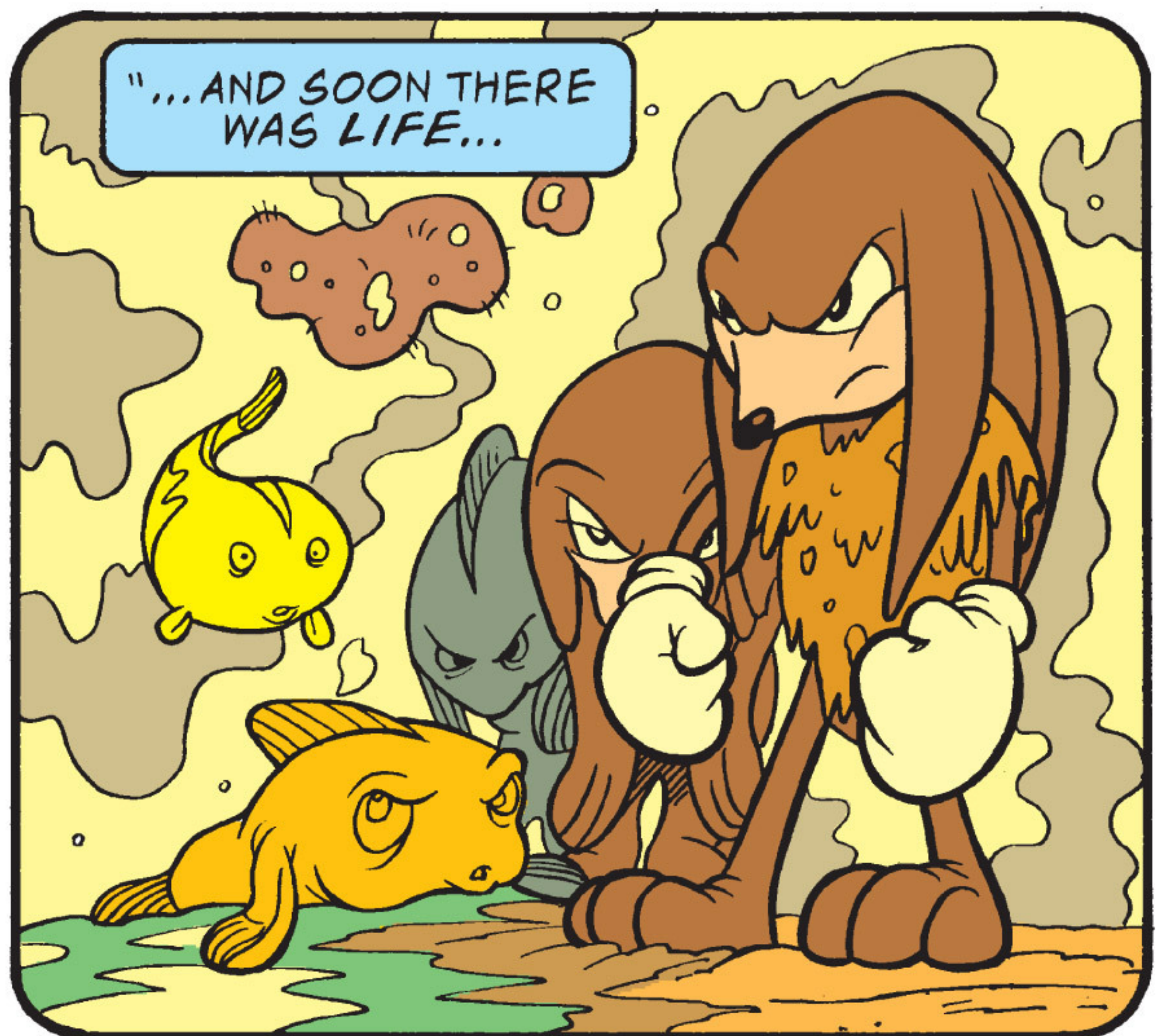
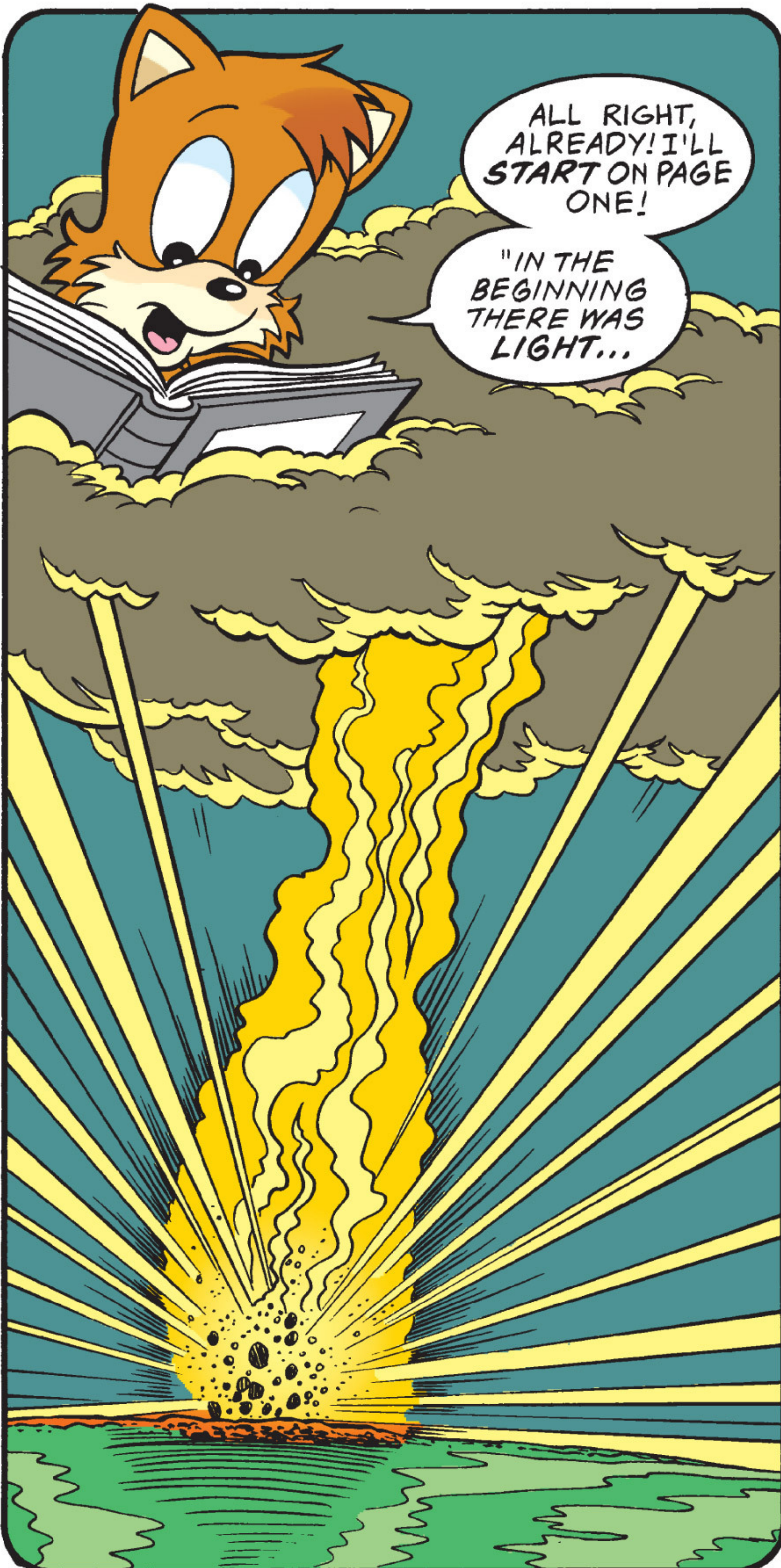
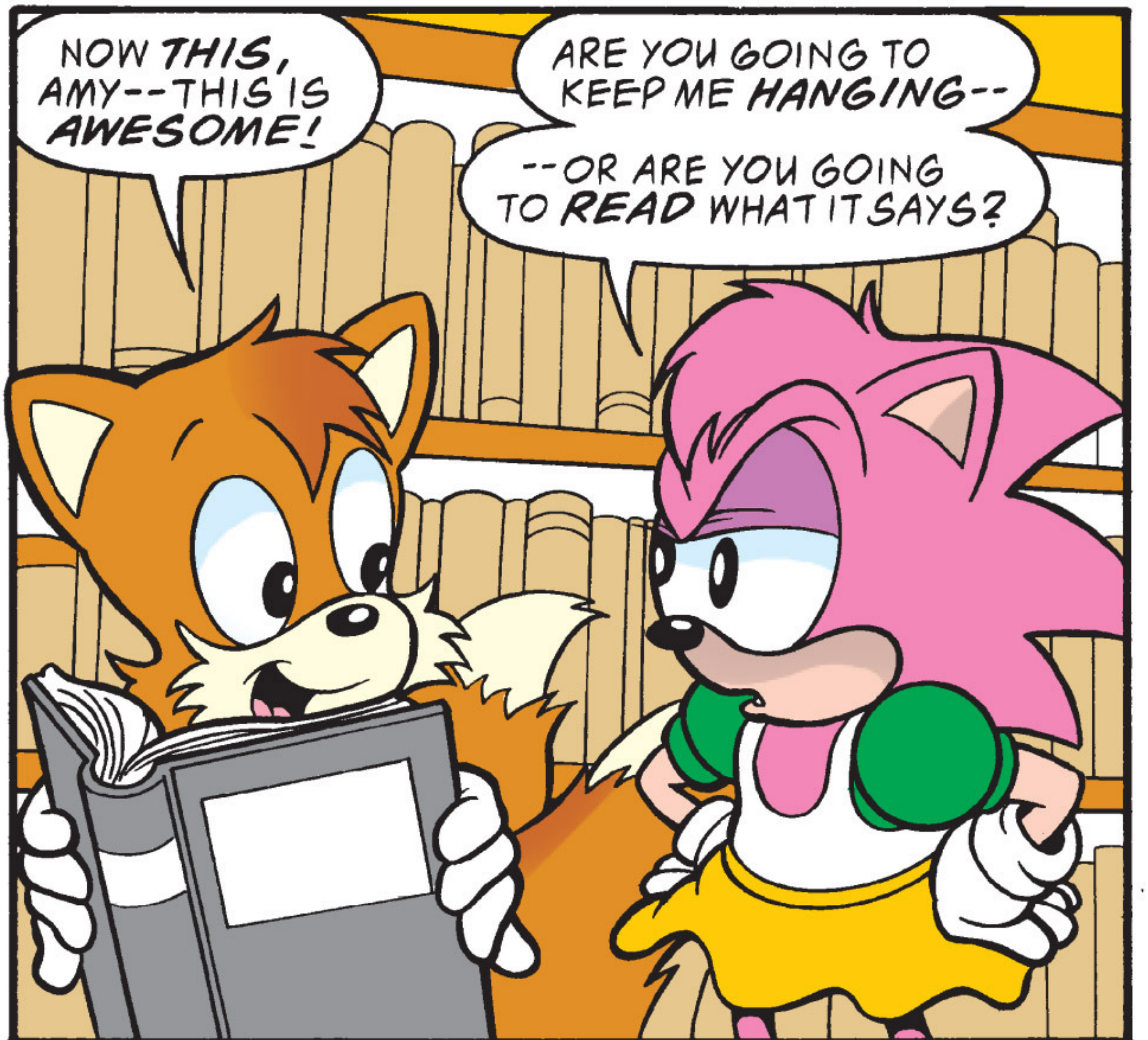
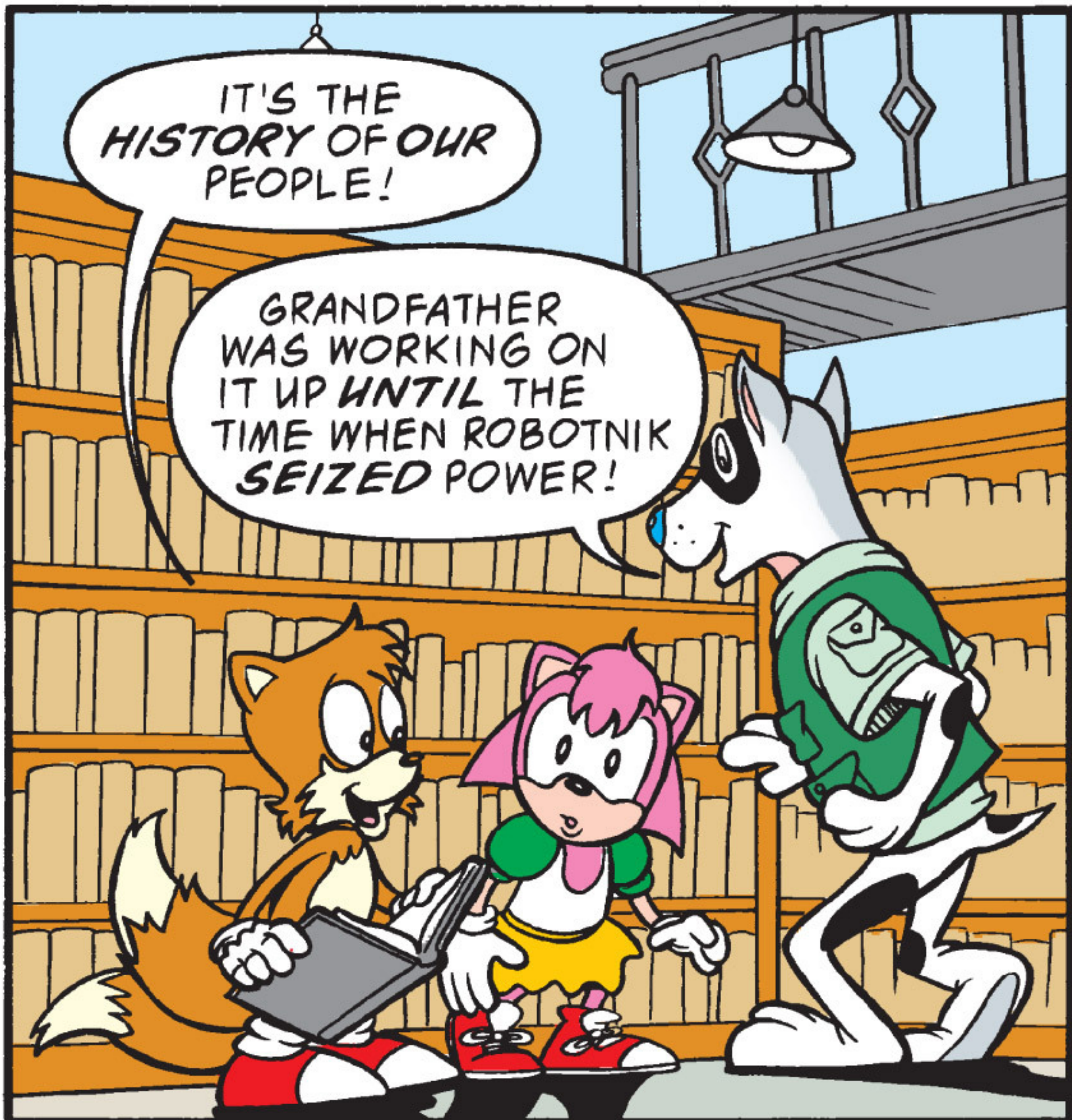
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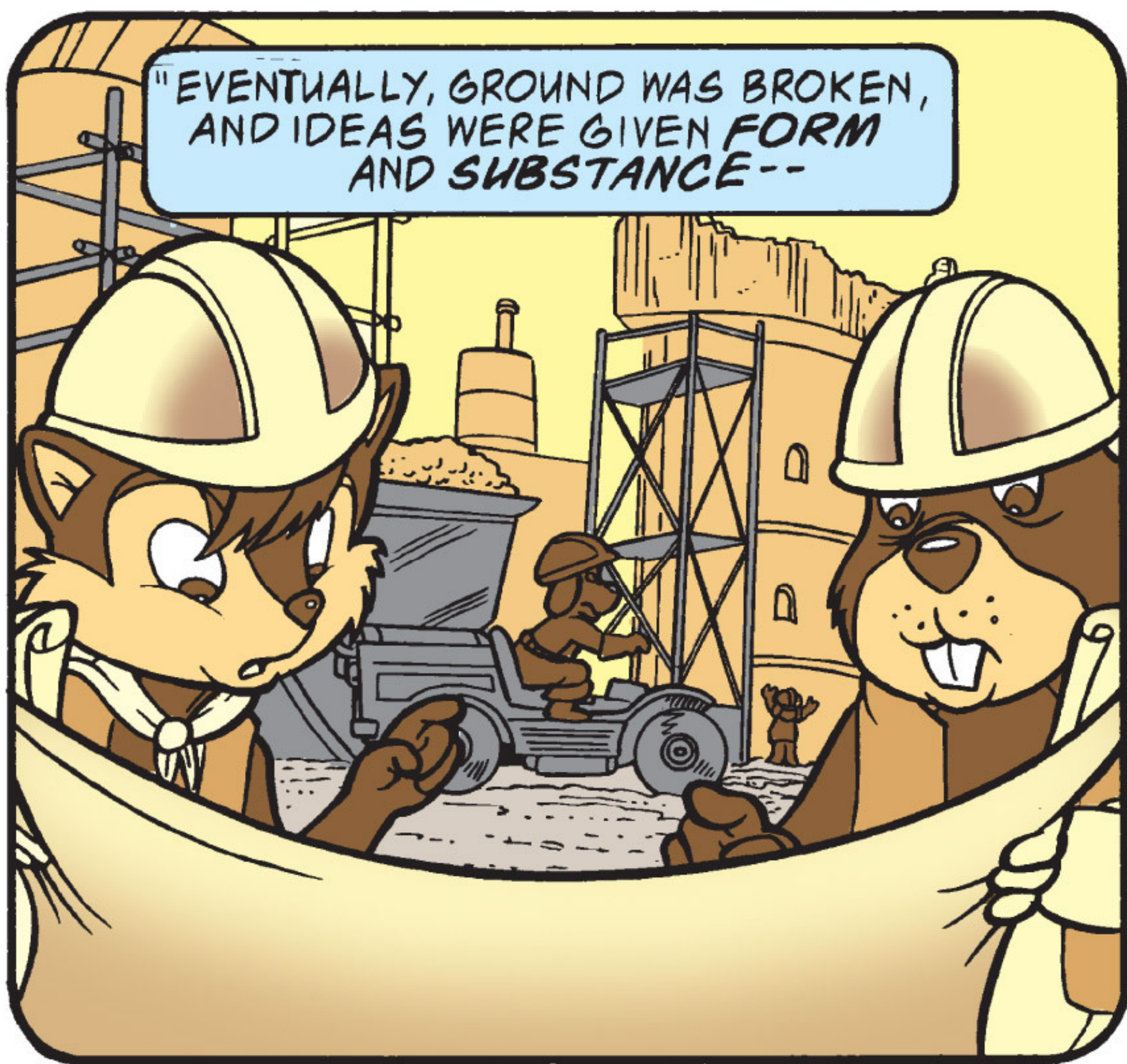
NO! NO! THIS PLACE IS AWESOME!

WAIT'LL YOU SEE!

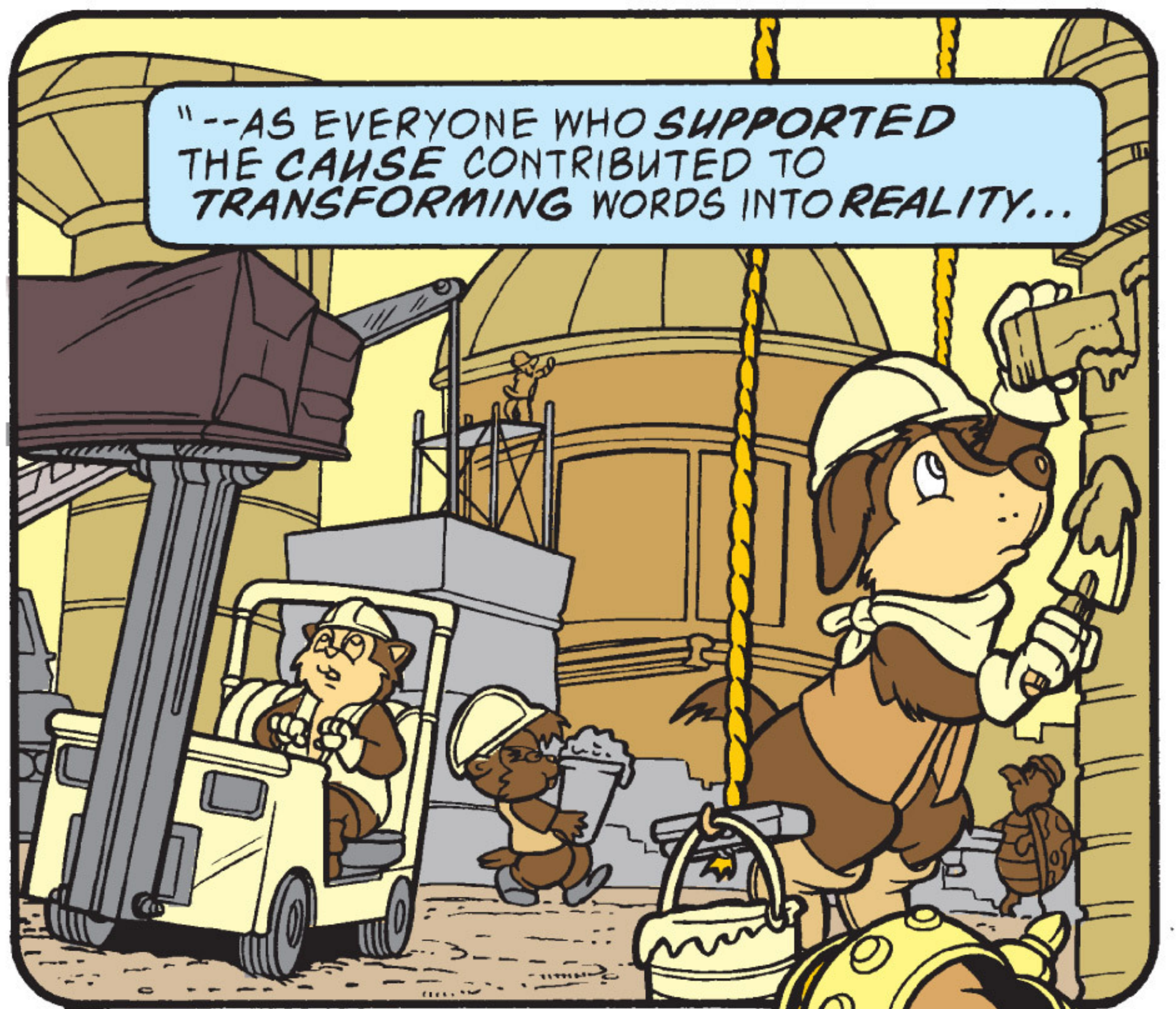








"EVENTUALLY, GROUND WAS BROKEN, AND IDEAS WERE GIVEN FORM AND SUBSTANCE--"

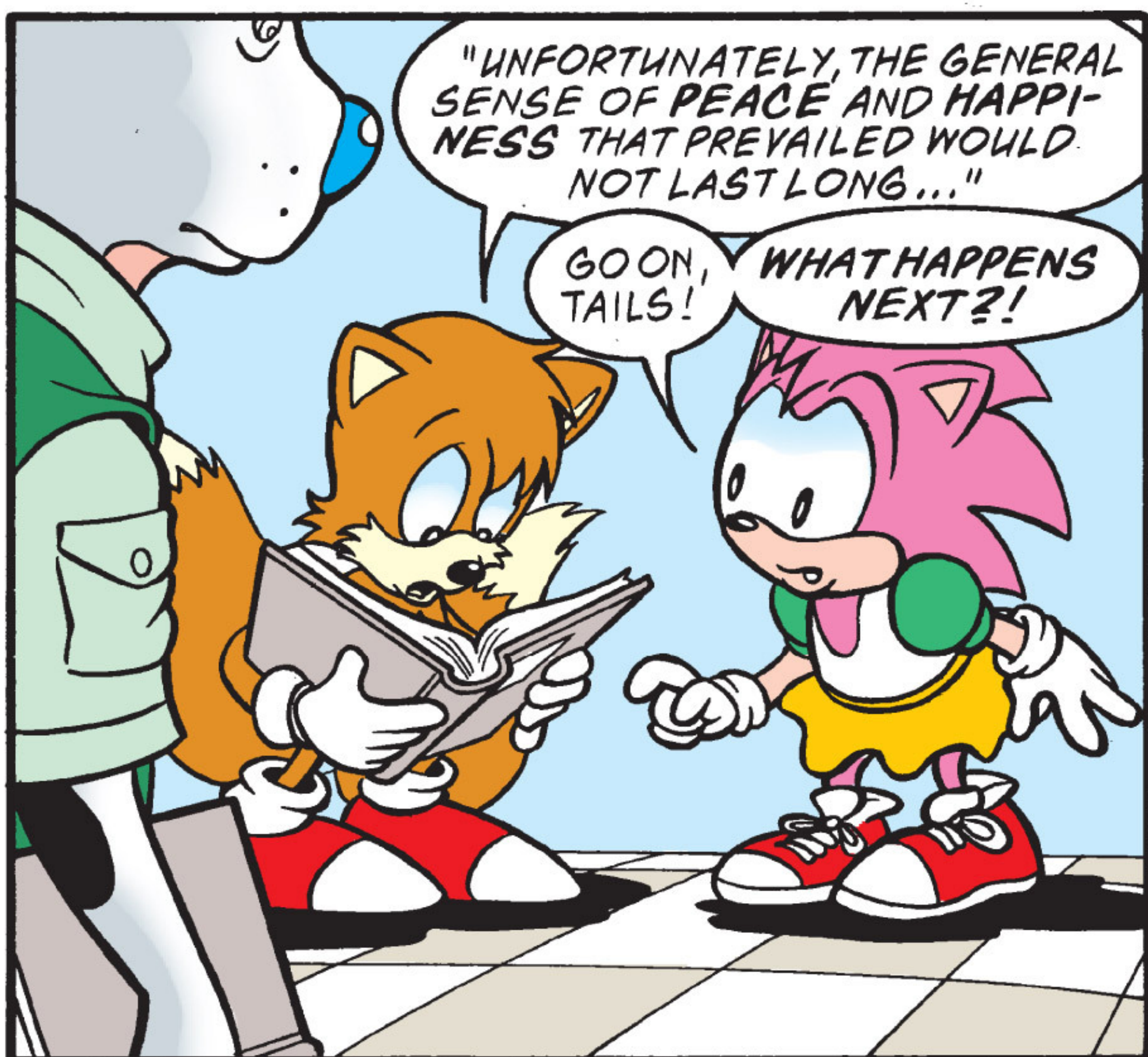


"--AS EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE CAUSE CONTRIBUTED TO TRANSFORMING WORDS INTO REALITY..."



"THUS WAS BORN MOBOTROPOLIS, THE FIRST MULTI-CULTURAL SOCIETY ON THE FACE OF MOBIUS!"

"ALEXANDER HAD BY NOW PROVEN HIMSELF A THOUGHTFUL AND BENEVOLENT LEADER, AND THUS ACCEPTED AS KING AMONG HIS PEOPLE!"



"UNFORTUNATELY, THE GENERAL SENSE OF PEACE AND HAPPINESS THAT PREVAILED WOULD NOT LAST LONG..."

GO ON, TAILS!

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?!

WHAT DOES, INDEED, DEAR READERS?!

AT LONG LAST, YOU'RE GOING TO FIND OUT THE HIDDEN SECRETS TO THE GREAT WAR!!

BE HERE NEXT ISSUE, WHERE WE ANSWER THE BURNING QUESTION...

WHATEVER STARTED THE GREAT WAR IN THE FIRST PLACE ANYHOW?!

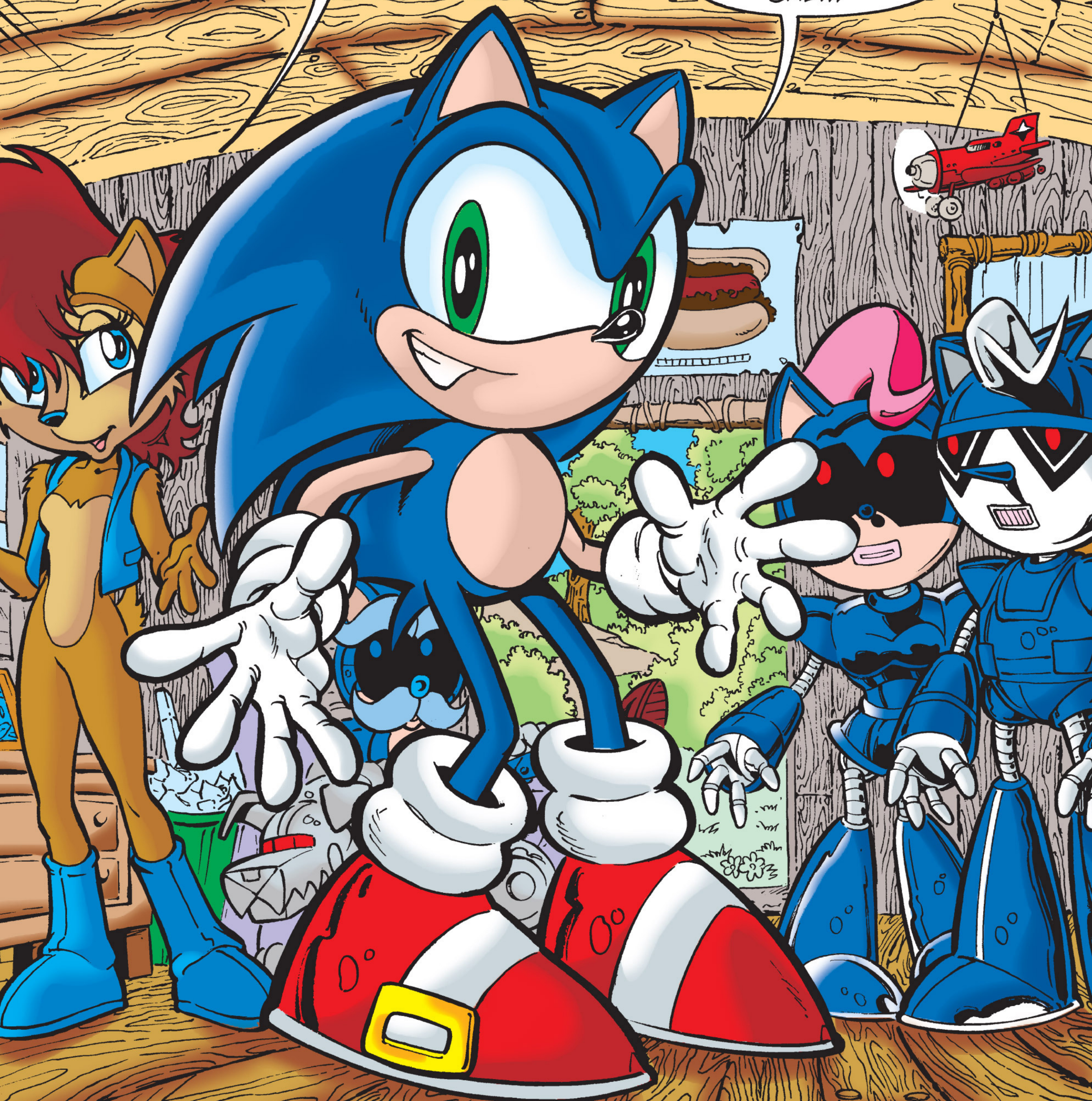
KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...

...THIS VERY SECOND.

NOW, LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT, SONIC-- YOU USED NATE MORGAN'S SUPER EMERALD TO PREVENT THAT WEIRD TIME-BEAM FROM DESTROYING MOBIUS...

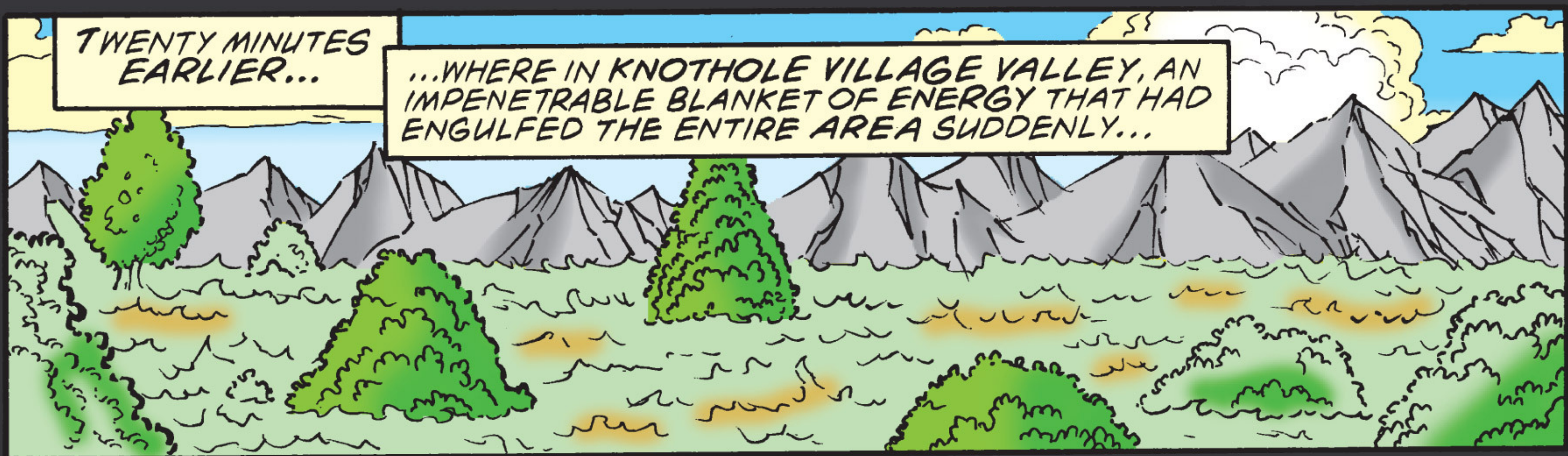
...BUT I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOUR APPEARANCE CHANGED! I MEAN ...YOUR EYES HAVE TURNED GREEN, YOUR SHOES NOW HAVE BUCKLES, AND...

LOOKS LIKE I'M GONNA HAVE TO RUN THROUGH THIS ONE MORE TIME FOR YA, SAL...

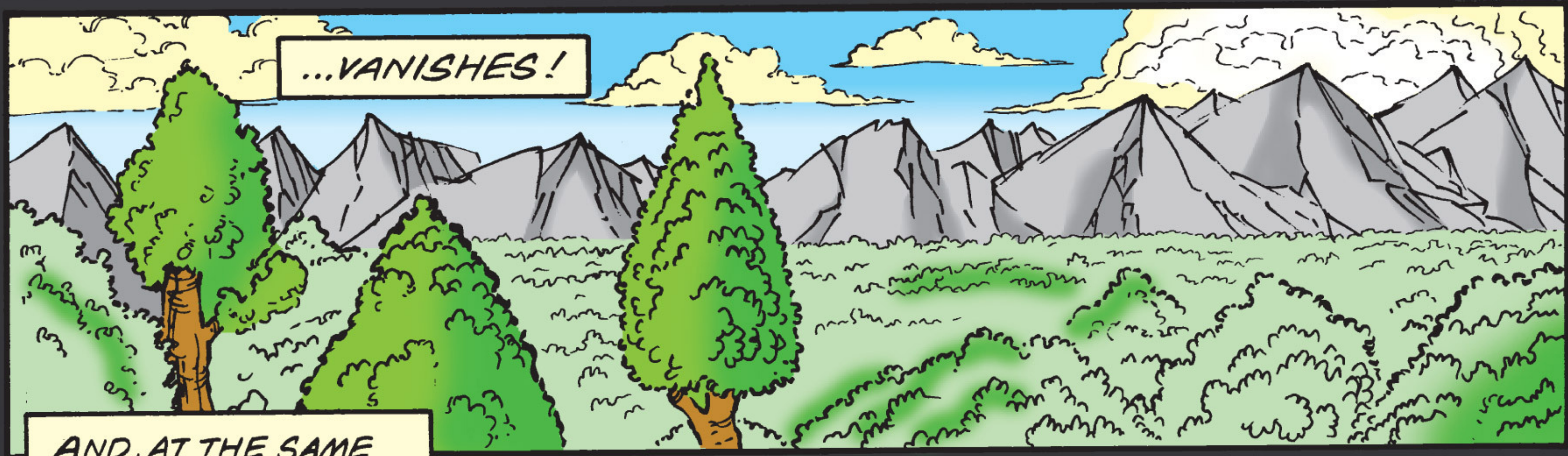


TWENTY MINUTES EARLIER...

...WHERE IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE VALLEY, AN IMPENETRABLE BLANKET OF ENERGY THAT HAD ENGULFED THE ENTIRE AREA SUDDENLY...



...VANISHES!

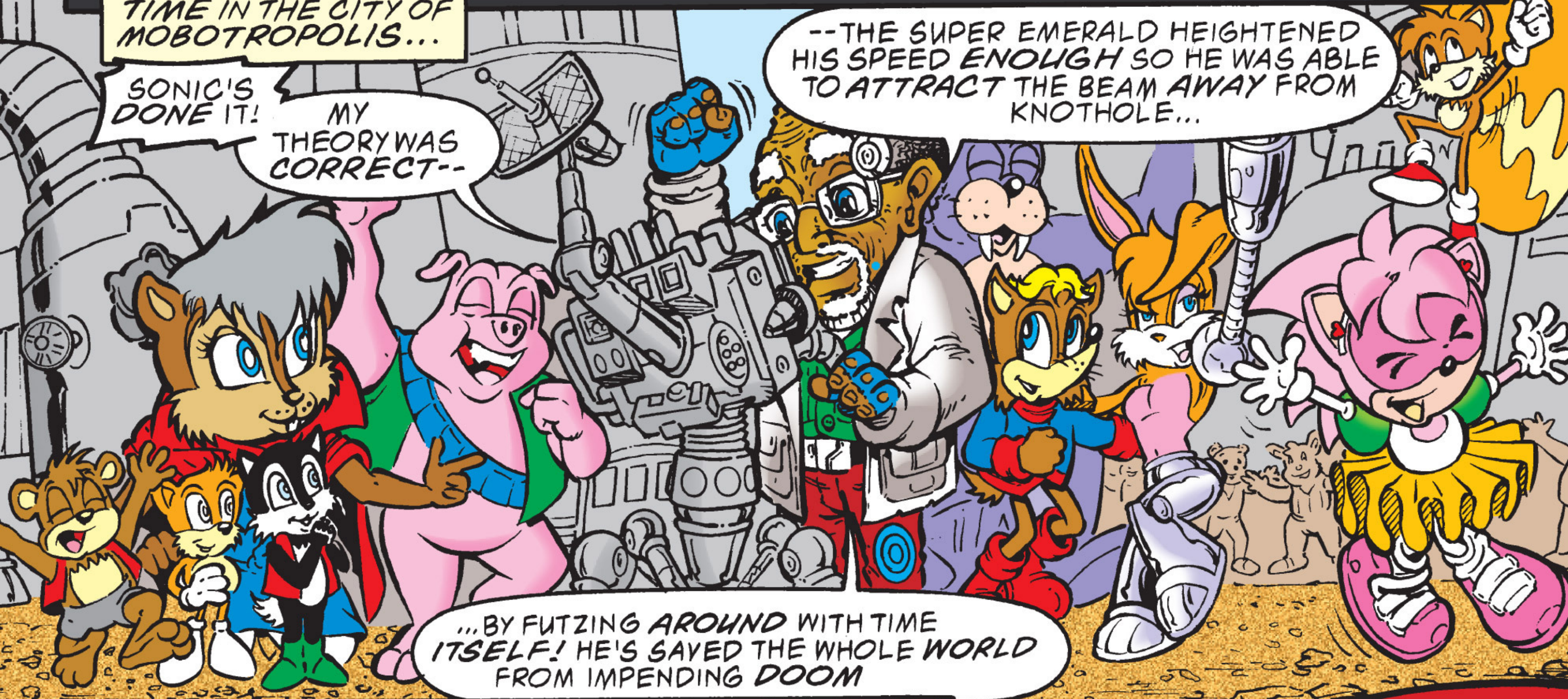


AND, AT THE SAME TIME IN THE CITY OF MOBOTROPOLIS...

SONIC'S DONE IT!

MY THEORY WAS CORRECT--

--THE SUPER EMERALD HEIGHTENED HIS SPEED ENOUGH SO HE WAS ABLE TO ATTRACT THE BEAM AWAY FROM KNOTHOLE...



...BY FUTZING AROUND WITH TIME ITSELF! HE'S SAVED THE WHOLE WORLD FROM IMPENDING DOOM

"...AND NOW, KNOTHOLE VILLAGE IS NO LONGER THREE HOURS AHEAD IN TIME!"

GOSH-- EVERYONE ALL RIGHT?

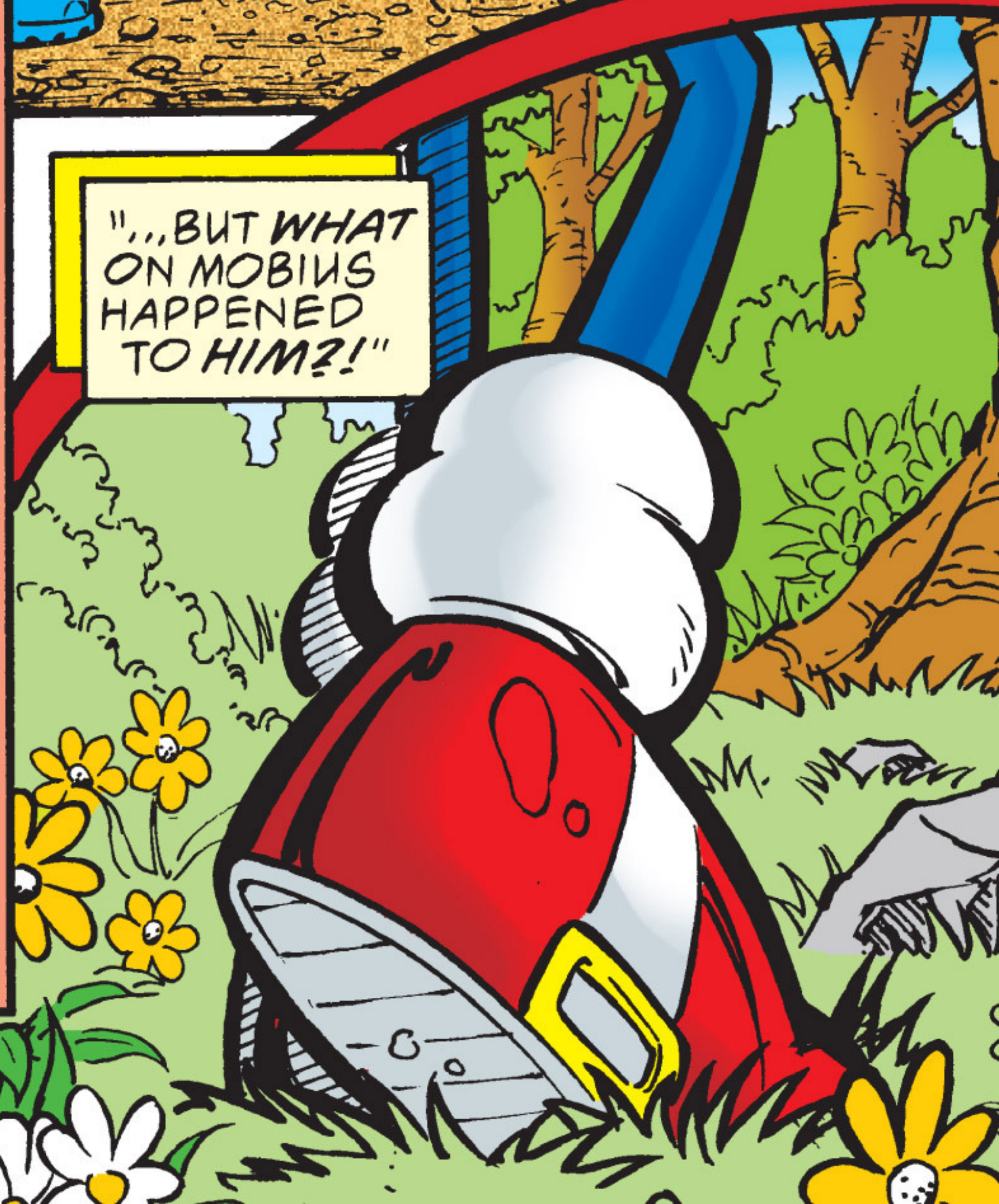
SURE... FEEL... WOOLY...



BUT WAIT! NOW I REMEMBER! WOZZINESS IS A GOOD THING! IT MEANS WE'RE STILL AROUND TO FEEL ANYTHING AT ALL WHICH MEANS SONIC WAS SUCCESSFUL...



"...BUT WHAT ON MOBIUS HAPPENED TO HIM?!"



FORTY MINUTES EARLIER...

GO, SONIC-- GO!

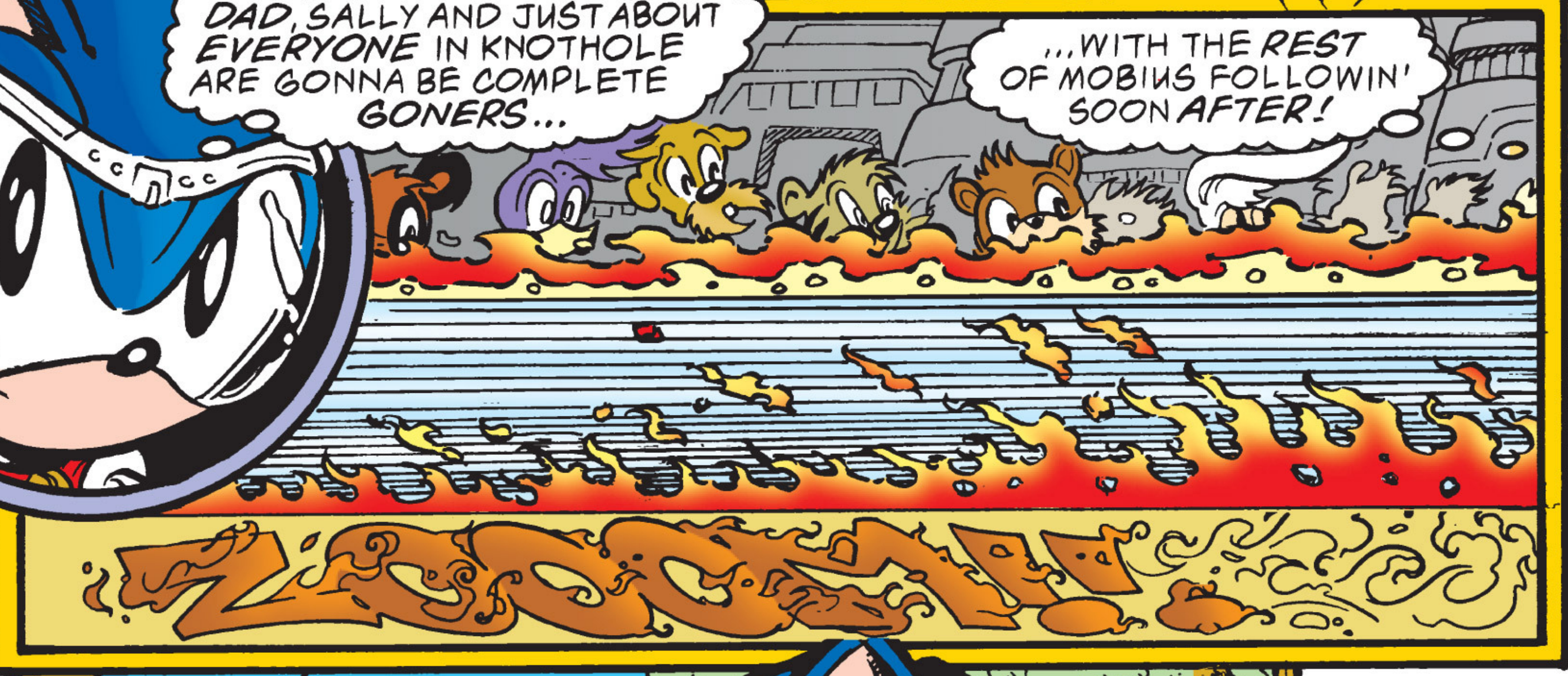
YOU CAN DO IT, SUGAR-HOG!

DO YOU REMEMBER EVERYTHING I'VE TOLD YOU, YOUNGSTER?

YOU BET, NATE--IT'S UP TO ME AND THIS SUPER-EMERALD STRAPPED TO MY BACK TO GET THE JOB DONE...

...OTHERWISE MOM, DAD, SALLY AND JUST ABOUT EVERYONE IN KNOTHOLE ARE GONNA BE COMPLETE GONERS...

...WITH THE REST OF MOBIUS FOLLOWIN' SOON AFTER!



NOW, IT'S UP TO MY SPEED...

...AND NATE MORGAN'S TRUMP CARD...



...TO SAVE THE ENTIRE PLANET!

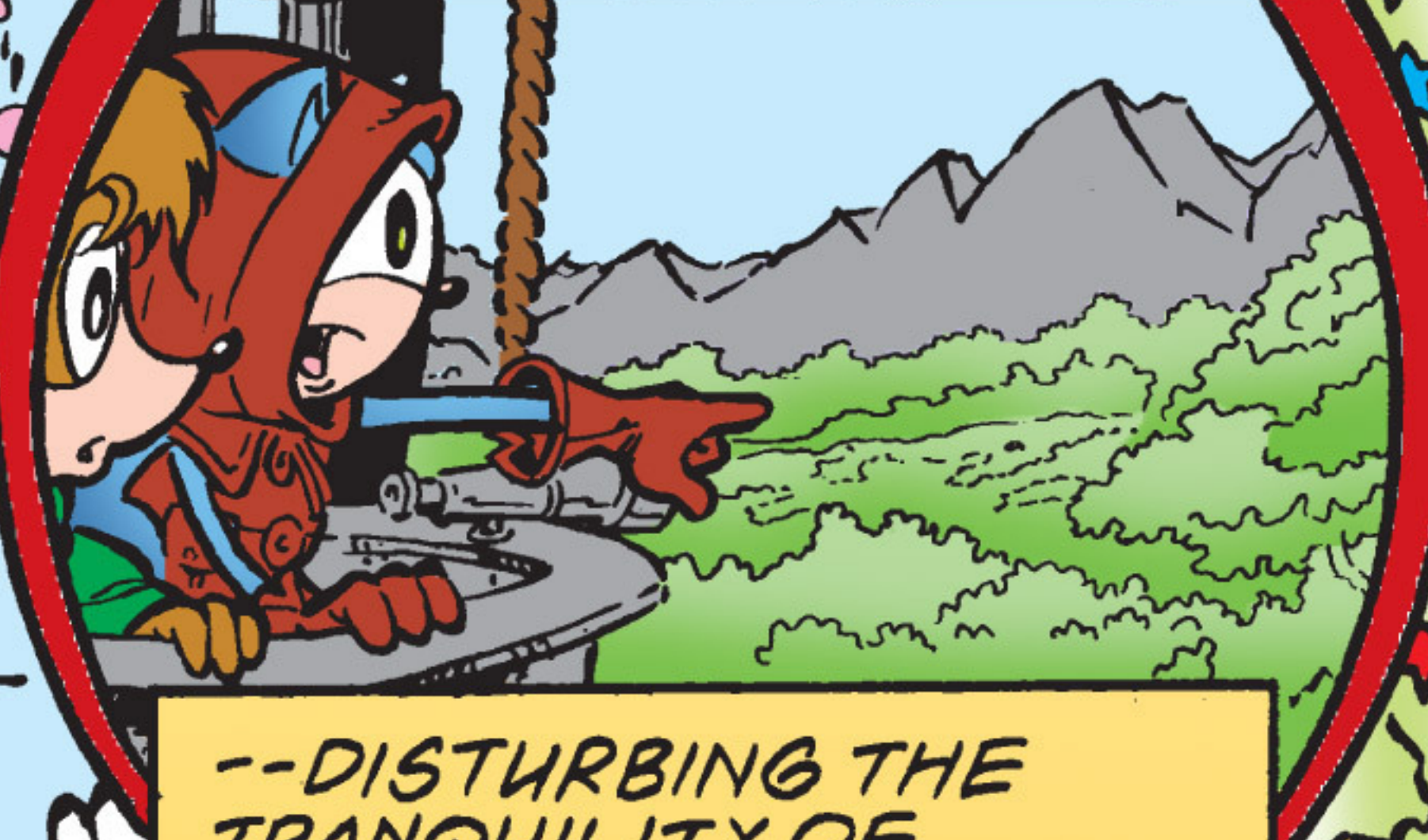
SONIC RACES AWAY FROM HIS HOME IN THE CITY OF MOBOTROPOLIS-- FASTER THAN EVEN HE HAD DREAMPT POSSIBLE!

THE SUPEREMERALD, ITS WILD ENERGIES ONCE MORE TAPPED, USES THE YOUNG SPEEDSTER AS A FOCUS FOR ITS GREAT POWER, AND AS THIS HAPPENS, AN AWESOME TRANSFORMATION OCCURS!

WHOAH! I'M, LIKE, CHANGIN' --BECOMIN'--

SUPER-SONIC!

ACROSS MOBIUS' EARTH-LIKE SURFACE THE BRIGHT YELLOW BLUR ACCELERATES EVEN FASTER--



--DISTURBING THE TRANQUILITY OF DEERWOOD FOREST--

--BEFORE UNDERGOING ANOTHER WONDROUS CHANGE, THIS TIME ASSUMING THE FORM OF THE BEING KNOWN ONLY AS...

ULTRA-SONIC!

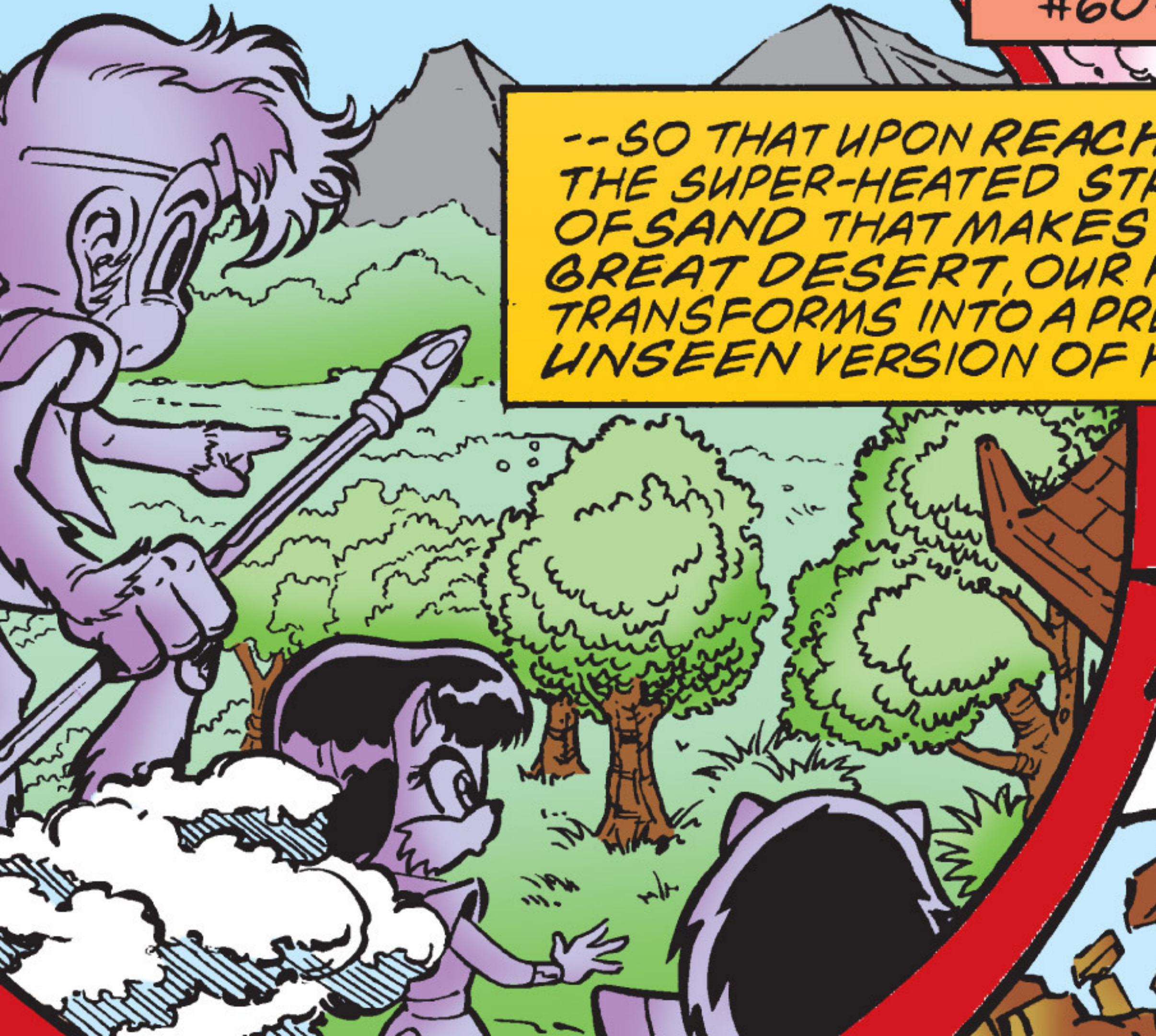
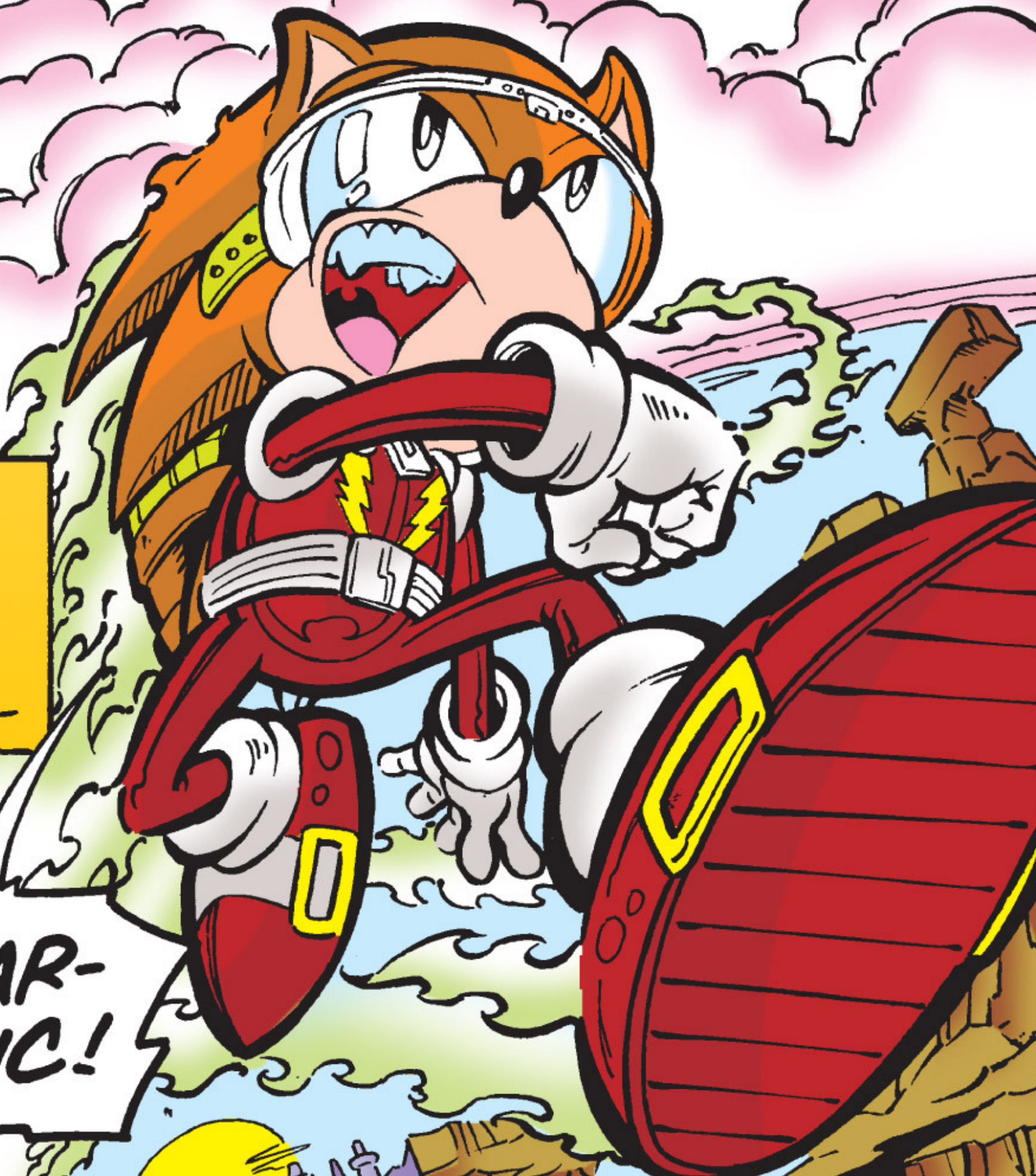
IF THE INHABITANTS OF THE SIMPLE VILLAGE LOCATED AT THE BASE OF MOUNT STORMTOP COULD SEE THE TRANSFORMED FIGURE ZOOMING PAST--

--THEY WOULD SPOT THEIR ALLY FROM WEEKS AGO.* BUT SO SWIFT IS ULTRA-SONIC'S MOVEMENT THAT HE GOES BY UNRECOGNIZED, THE SUPER-EMERALD CONTINUING TO ALTER HIS PHYSICAL STRUCTURE--

* Read SONIC #60- JFG

--SO THAT UPON REACHING THE SUPER-HEATED STRETCH OF SAND THAT MAKES UP THE GREAT DESERT, OUR HERO TRANSFORMS INTO A PREVIOUSLY UNSEEN VERSION OF HIMSELF--

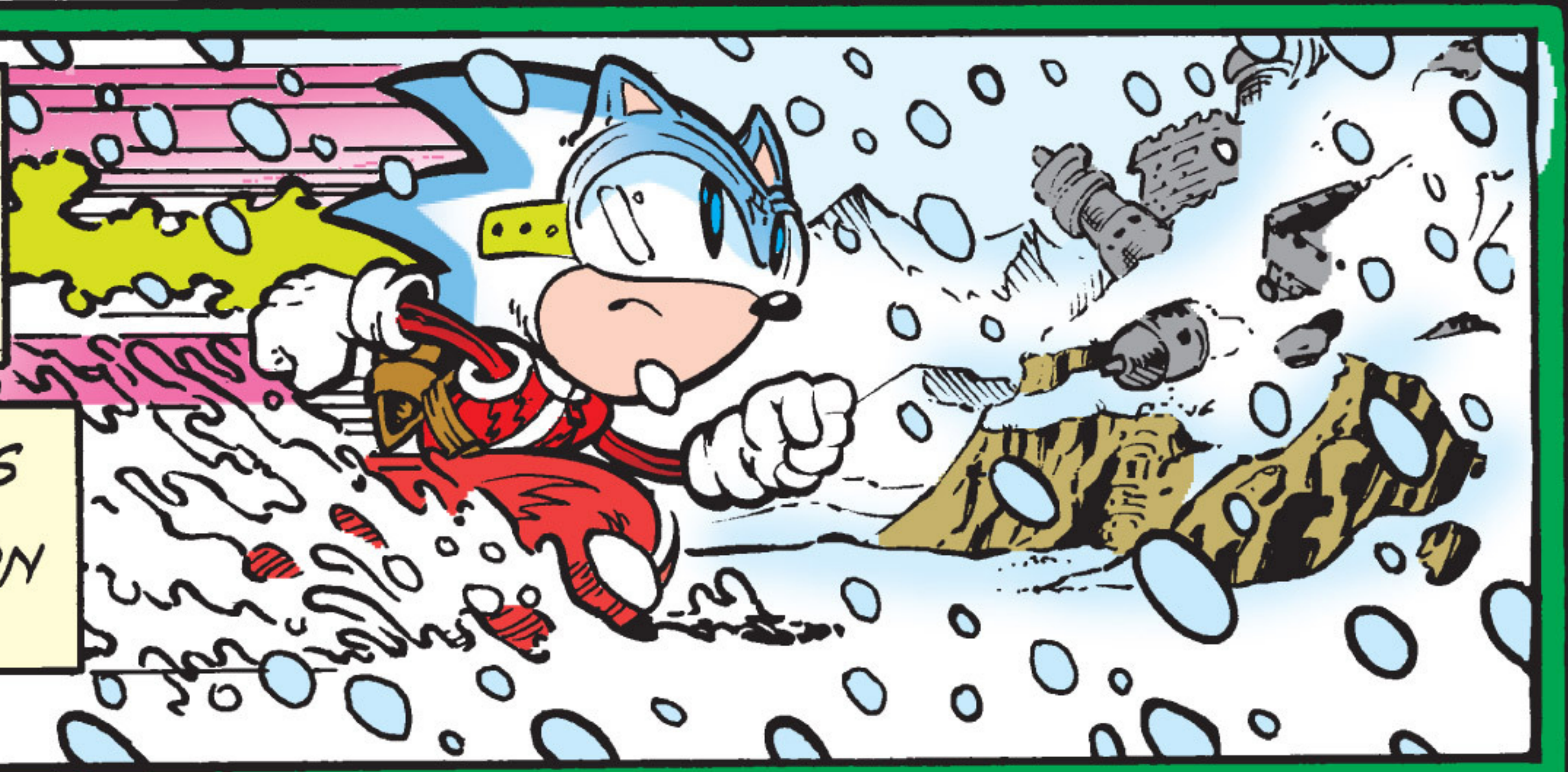
SOLAR-SONIC!





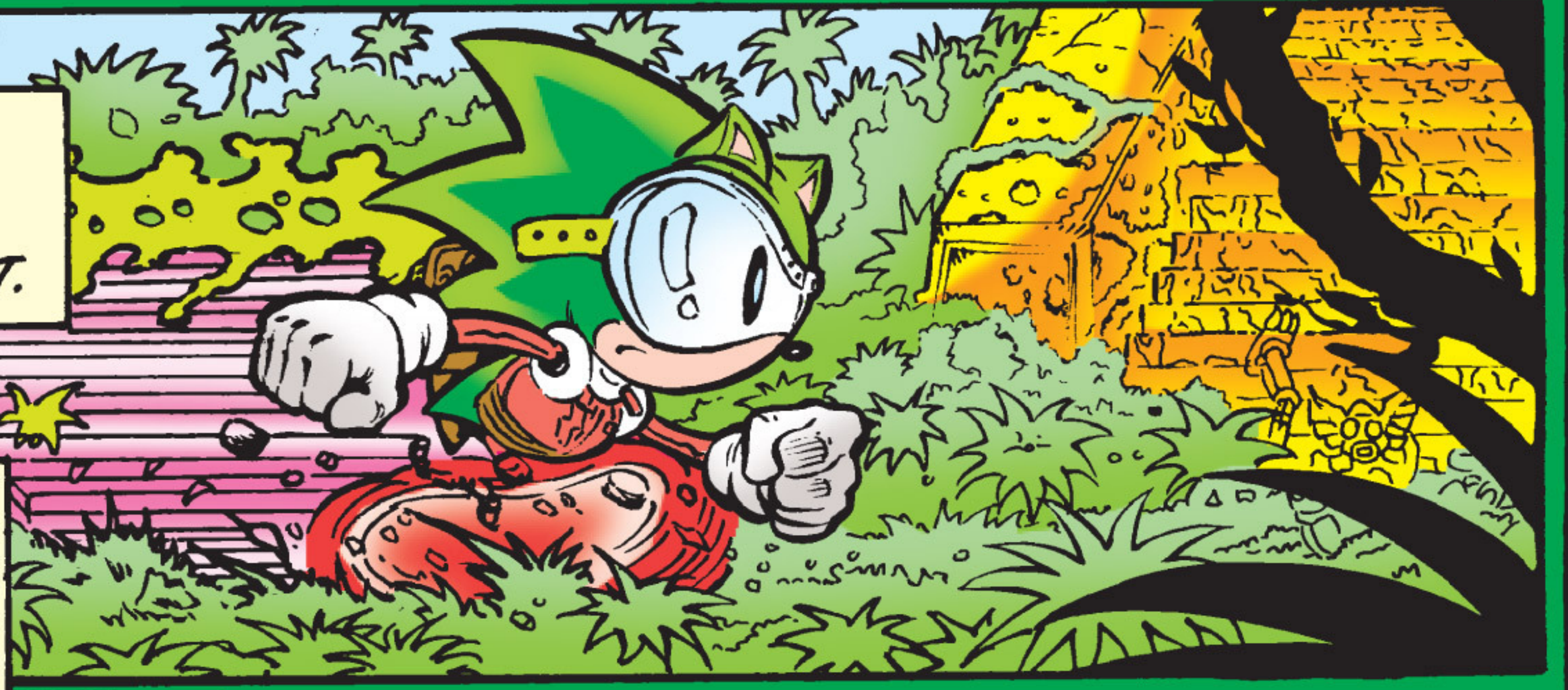
AND THIS NEW INCARNATION GIVES WAY TO OTHERS DEPENDING UPON SONIC'S GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION ON THE PLANET.

POLAR-SONIC EASILY SPRINTS AND SKATES ACROSS THE ICY LANDSCAPE OF THE SOUTHERN TUNDRA--

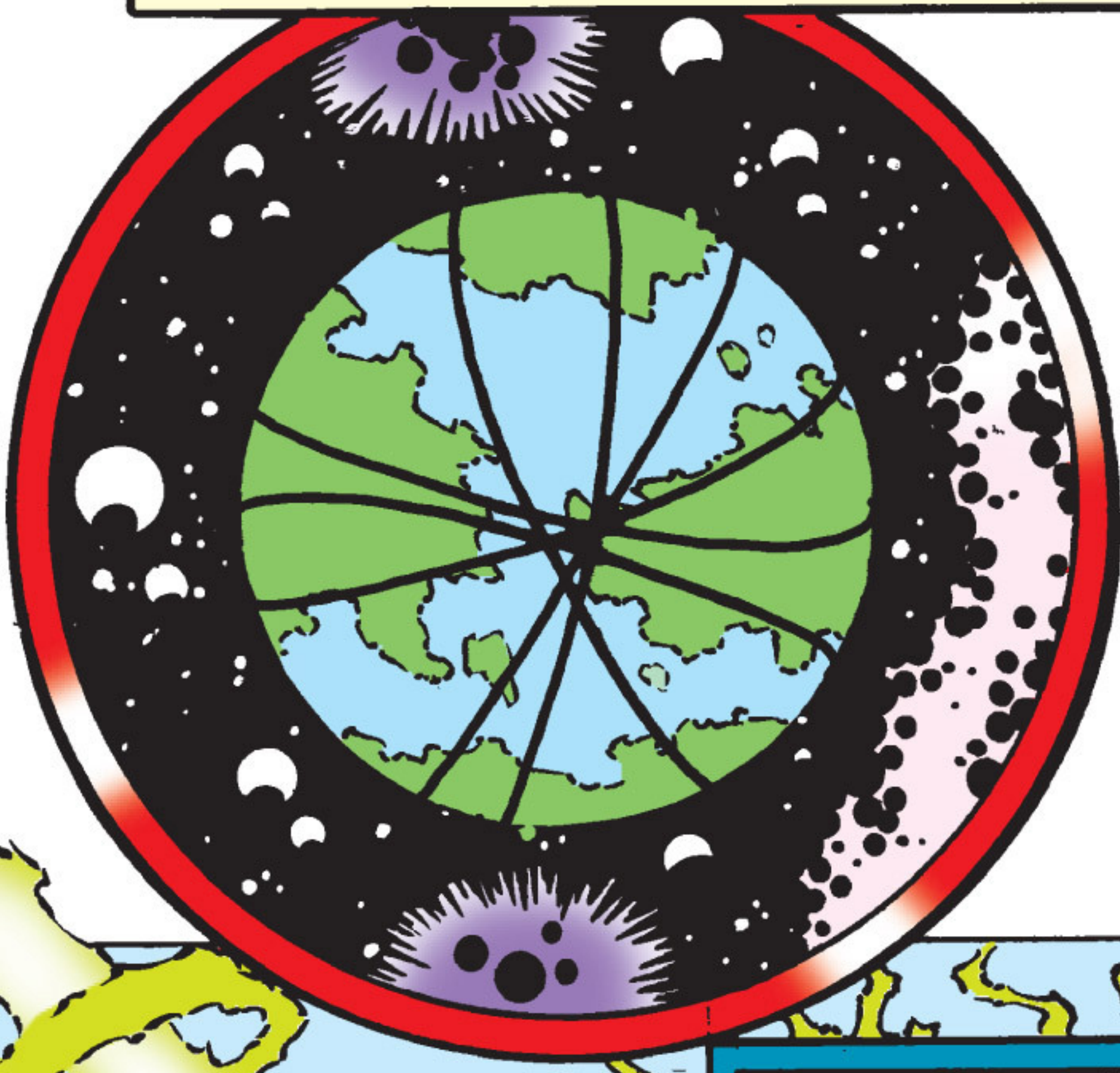


--WHILE ECO-SONIC MAKES HIS WAY THROUGH THE LEAFY TERRAIN OF THE GREAT RAINFOREST.

FASTER AND FASTER, SONIC SPOOLS AROUND MOBIUS' GLOBAL CURVE IN A REPEATED PATTERN--



--RACING ALONG WITH THE PLANET'S ROTATION, HIS INNATE SPEED COUPLED WITH THE FORCES OF THE SUPER-EMERALD CAUSES TIME ITSELF TO MOVE FORWARD AT A FAR GREATER RATE-- AS NATE MORGAN PREDICTED!

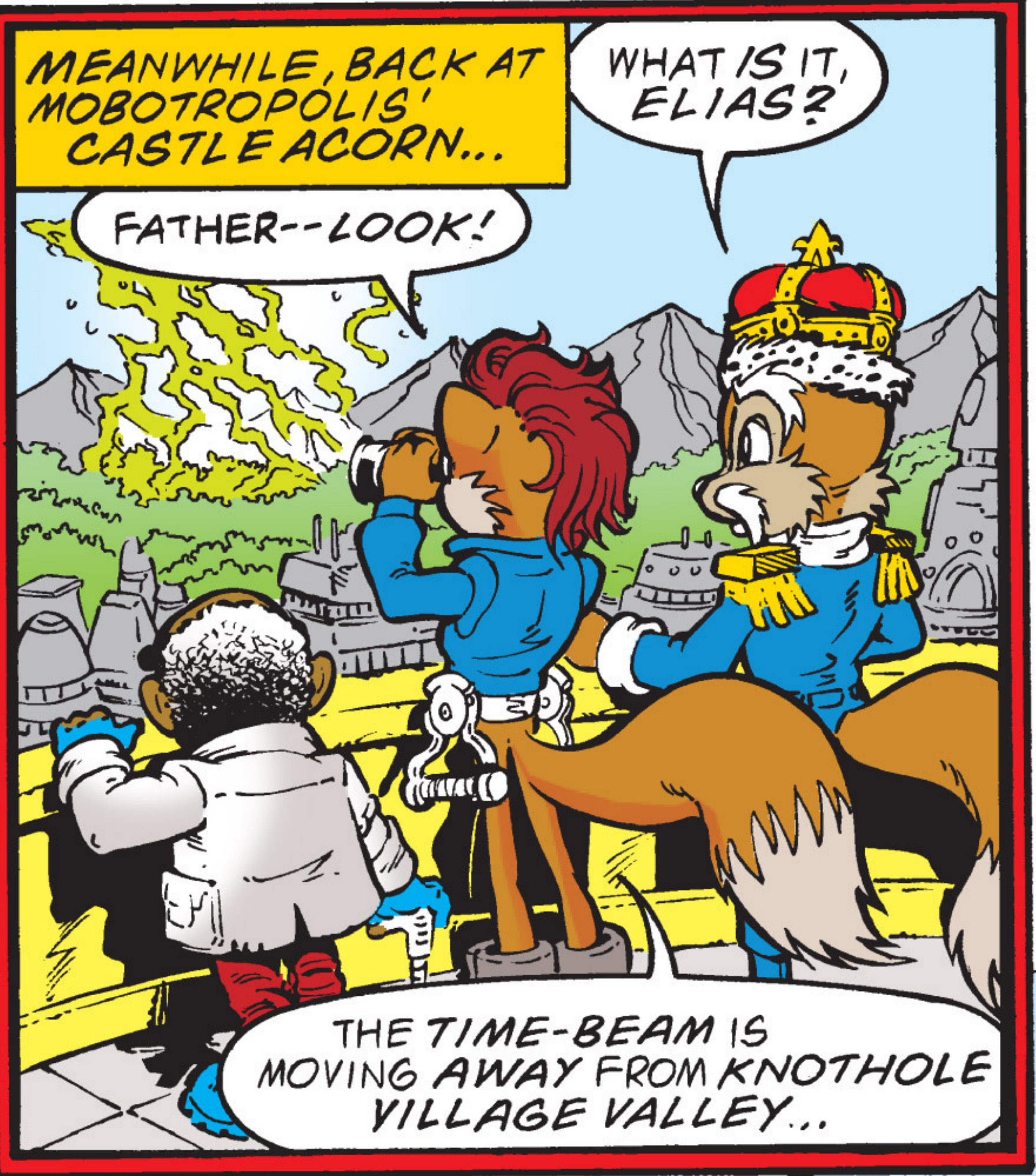


"...BUT WHERE IS IT GOING?!"

MEANWHILE, BACK AT MOBOTROPOLIS' CASTLE ACORN...

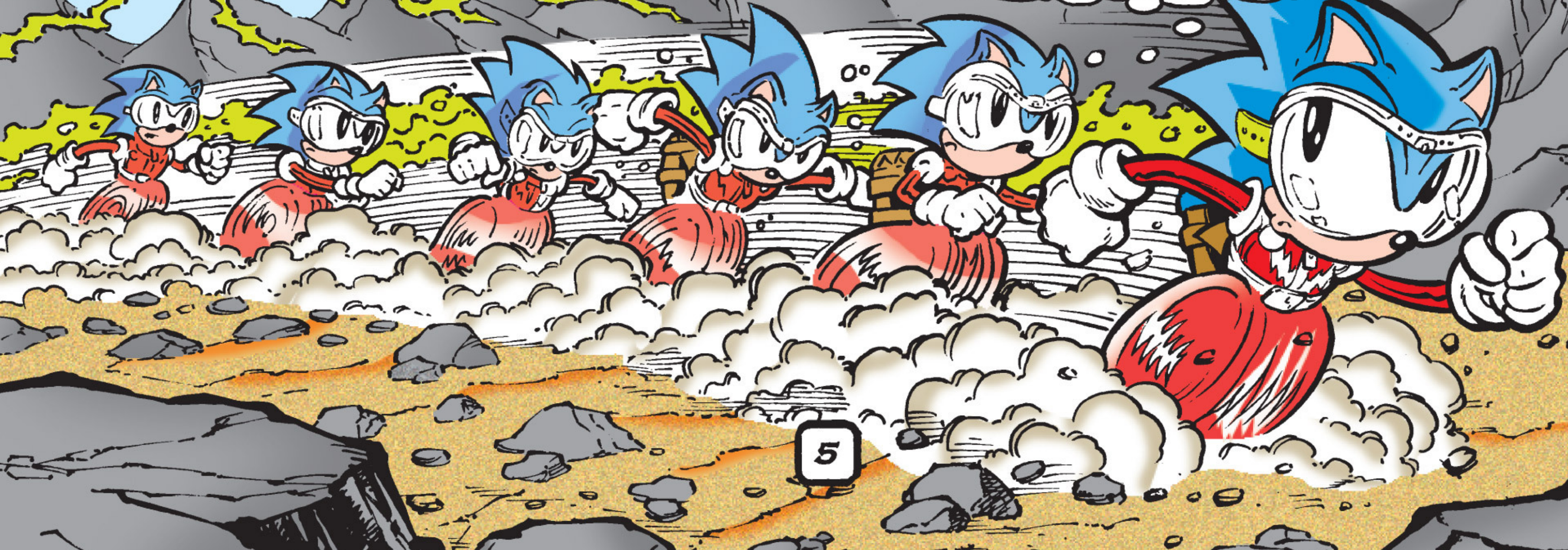
WHAT IS IT, ELIAS?

FATHER--LOOK!

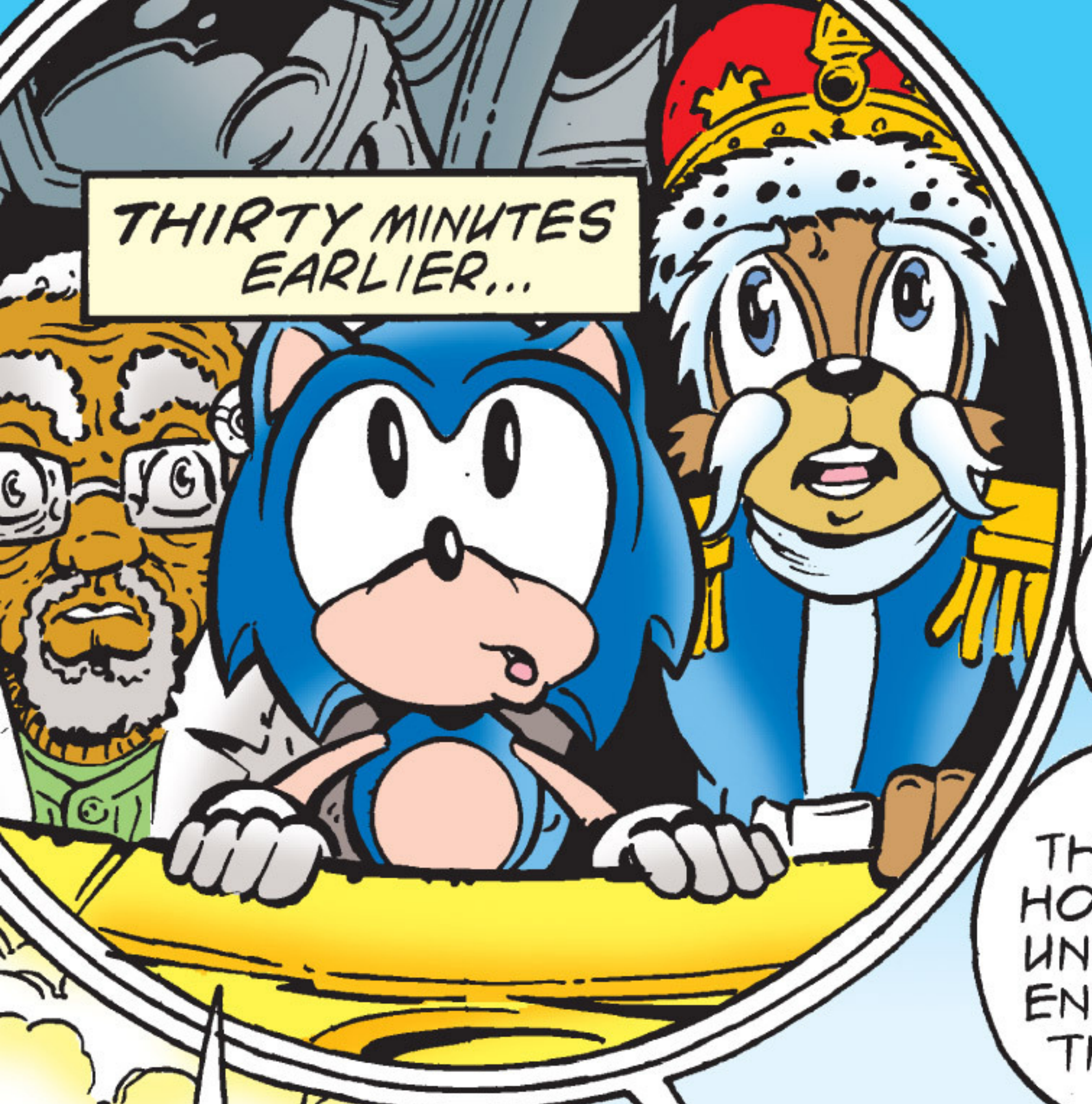


THE TIME-BEAM IS MOVING AWAY FROM KNOTHOLE VILLAGE VALLEY...

THE TIME-BEAM--I GOT IT TO FOLLOW ME AND NOW IT'S HOT ON MY TRAIL! I'VE GOTTA DO EXACTLY LIKE NATE SAID AND--



THIRTY MINUTES EARLIER...



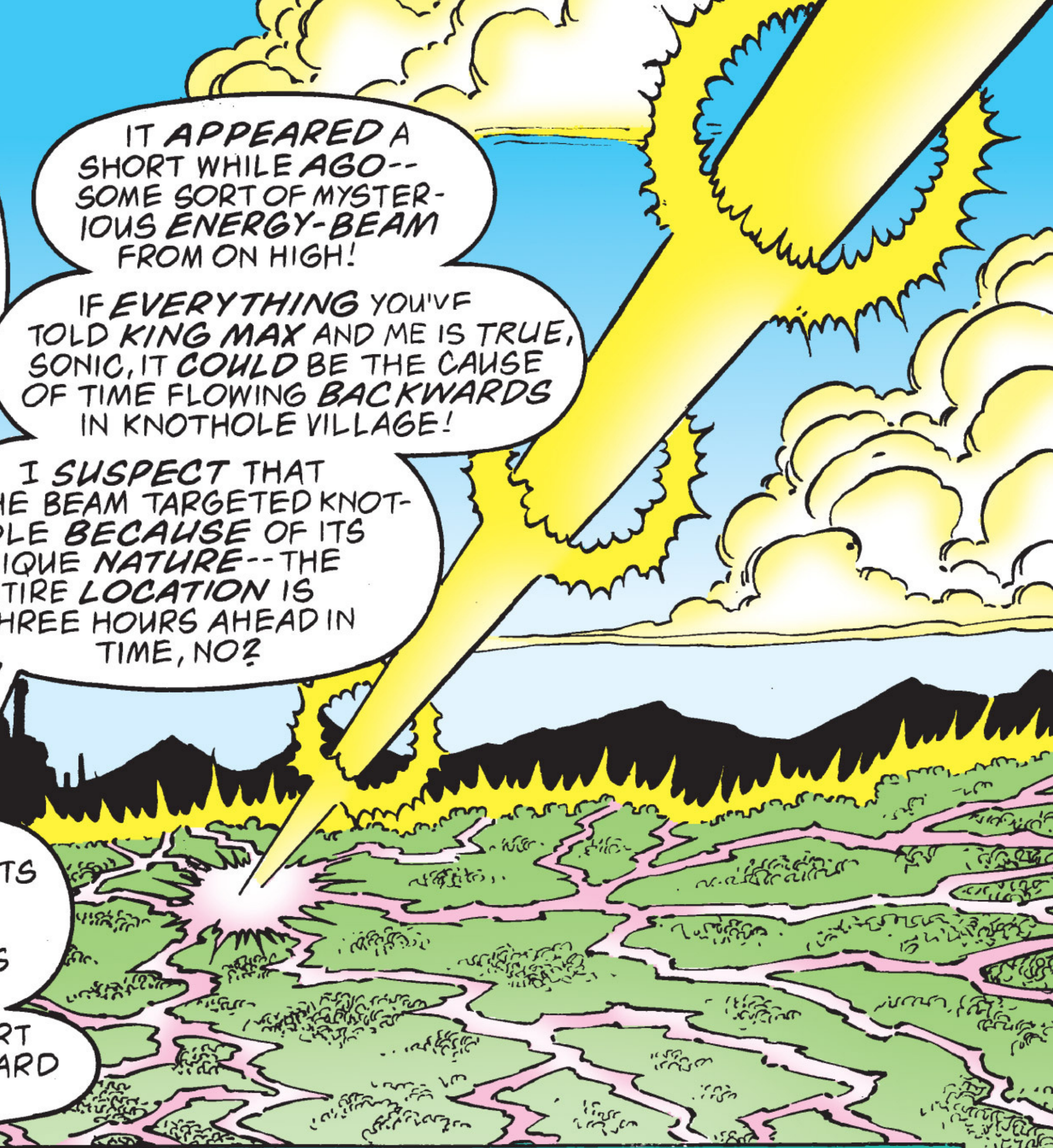
IT APPEARED A SHORT WHILE AGO-- SOME SORT OF MYSTERIOUS ENERGY-BEAM FROM ON HIGH!

IF EVERYTHING YOU'VE TOLD KING MAX AND ME IS TRUE, SONIC, IT COULD BE THE CAUSE OF TIME FLOWING BACKWARDS IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!

I SUSPECT THAT THE BEAM TARGETED KNOTHOLE BECAUSE OF ITS UNIQUE NATURE-- THE ENTIRE LOCATION IS THREE HOURS AHEAD IN TIME, NO?

SOMEHOW, THE ENERGY-BEAM IS FORCING KNOTHOLE TO RESUME ITS PROPER PLACE WITHIN THE TIME-STREAM. IF THE BEAM IS STILL DIRECTED AT THE AREA ONCE ITS REALIGNED, HOWEVER...

...TIME ON MOBIUS WILL START TO MOVE BACKWARD AND FORWARD SIMULTANEOUSLY...



"...DESTROYING NOT ONLY THE FABRIC OF TIME, BUT THE ENTIRE PLANET AS WELL!"

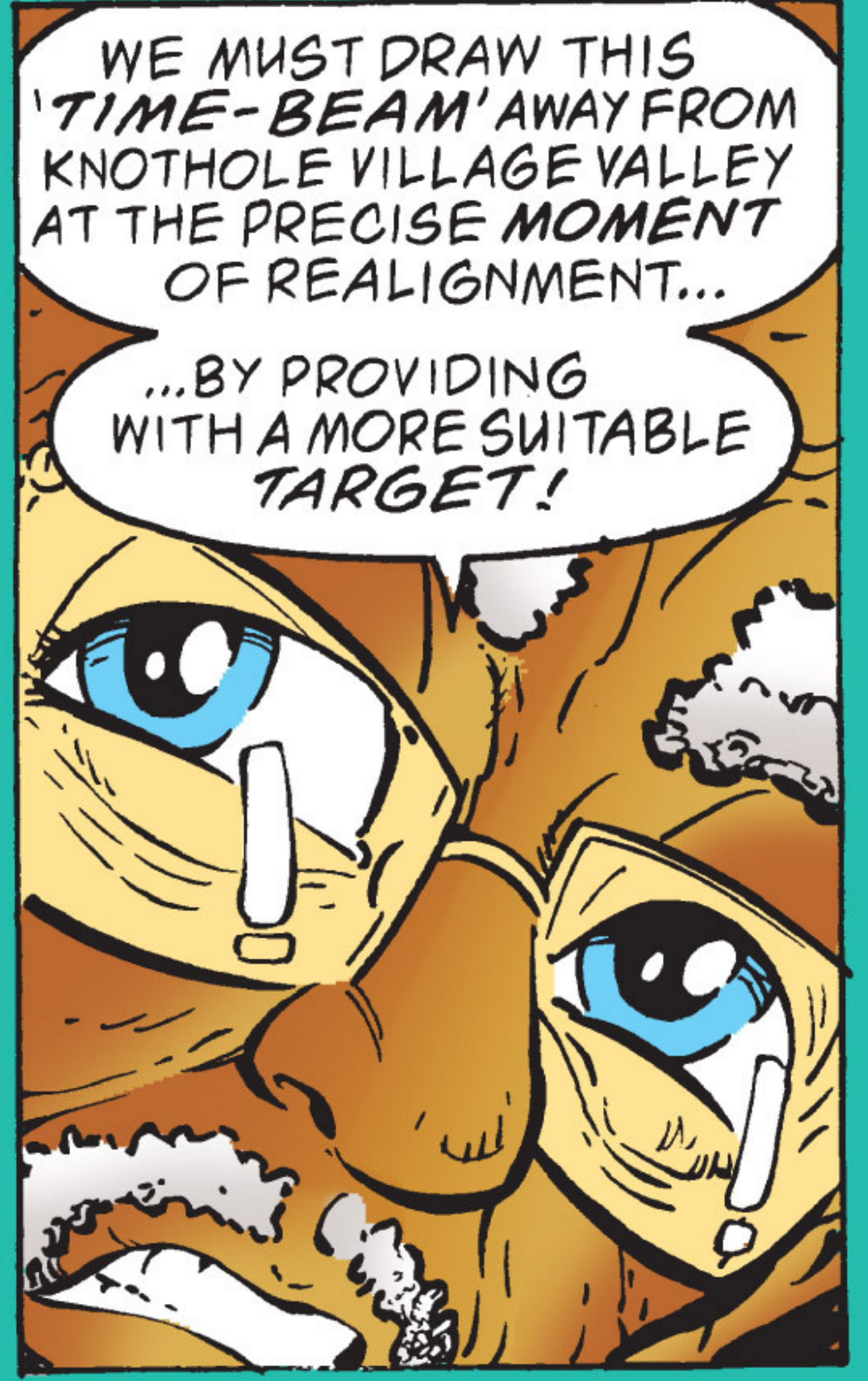


SO WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO, NATE? THIS IS WITHOUT A DOUBT, THE REAL DEAL!



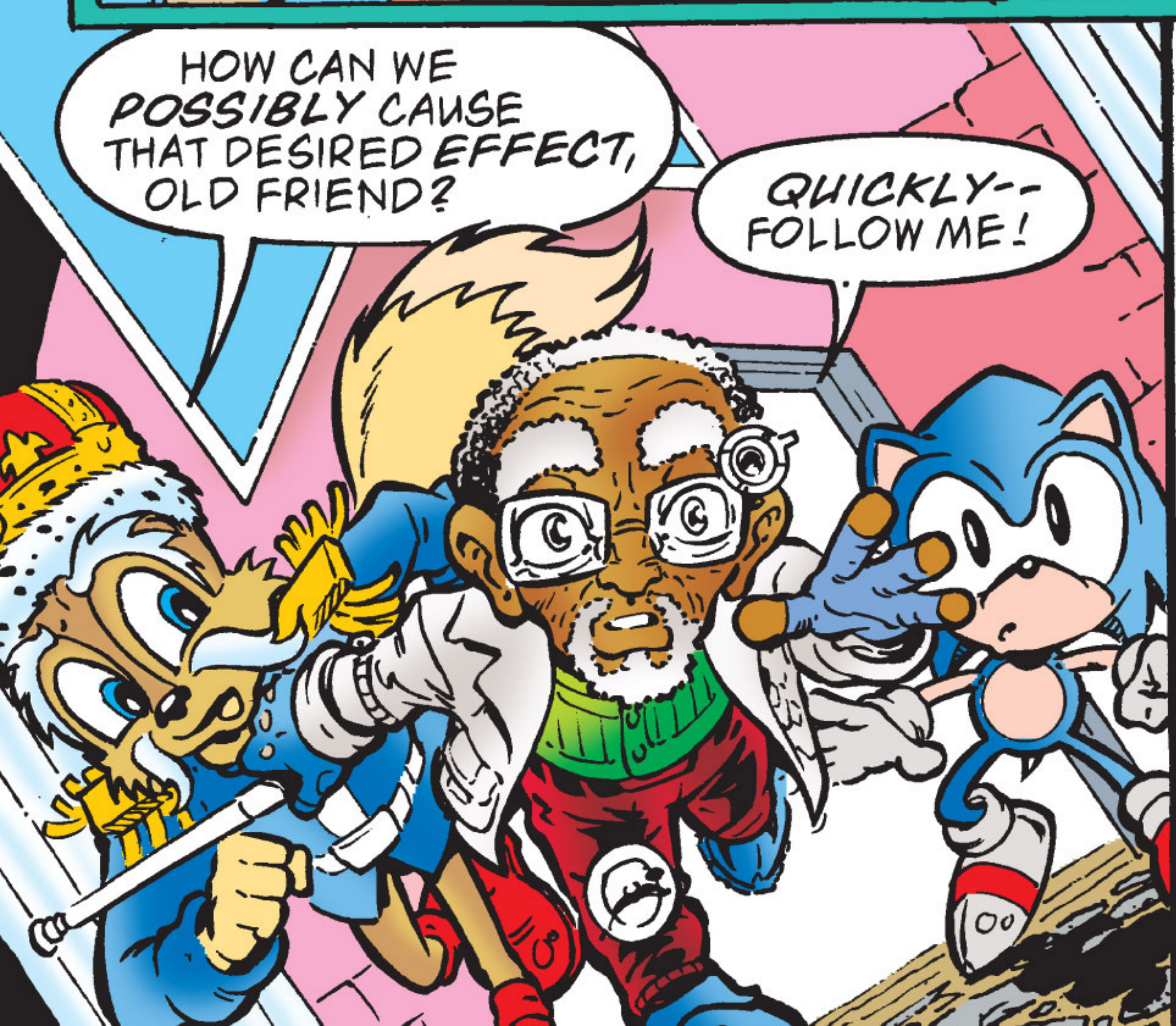
WE MUST DRAW THIS 'TIME-BEAM' AWAY FROM KNOTHOLE VILLAGE VALLEY AT THE PRECISE MOMENT OF REALIGNMENT...

...BY PROVIDING WITH A MORE SUITABLE TARGET!

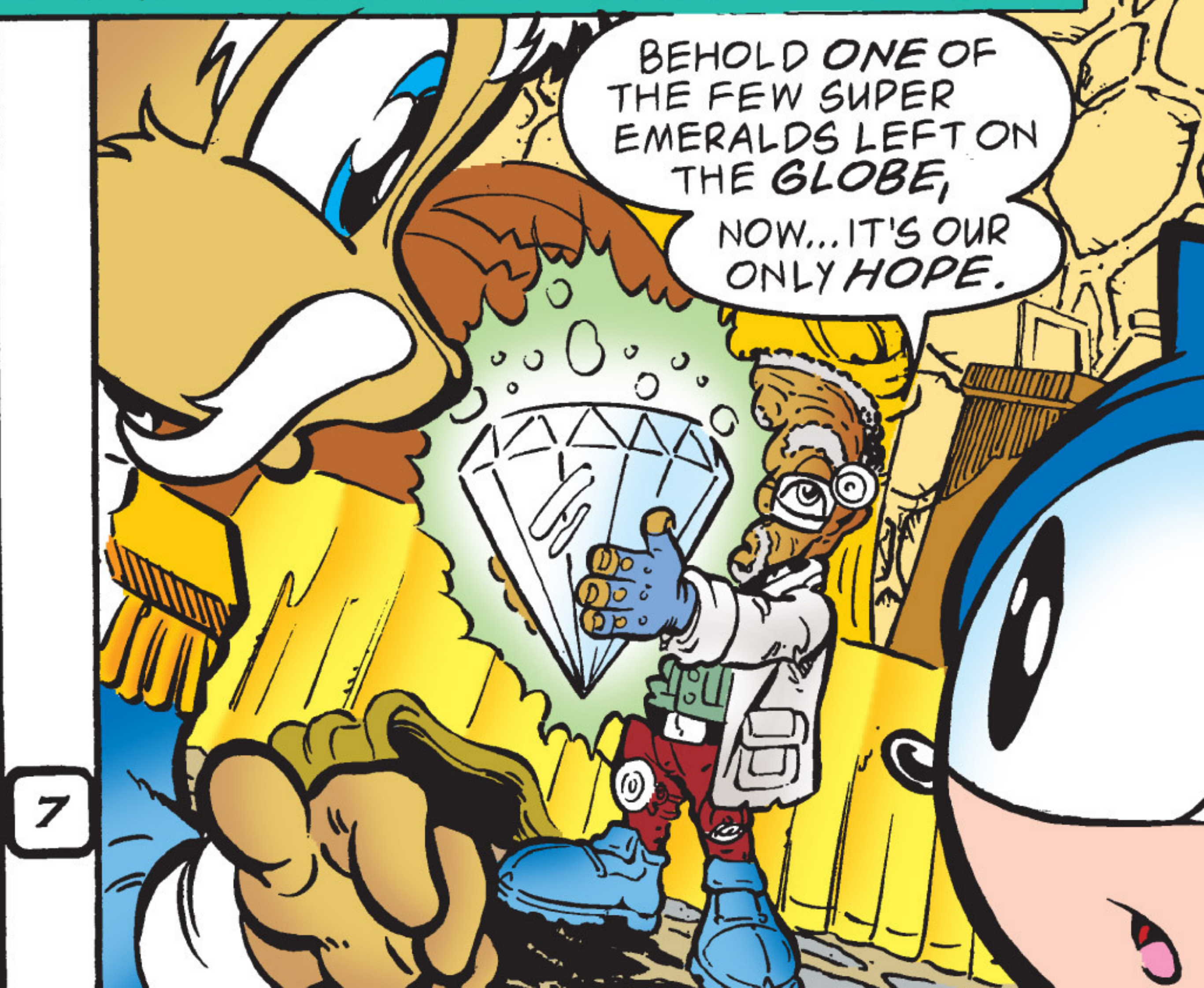


HOW CAN WE POSSIBLY CAUSE THAT DESIRED EFFECT, OLD FRIEND?

QUICKLY-- FOLLOW ME!



BEHOLD ONE OF THE FEW SUPER EMERALDS LEFT ON THE GLOBE, NOW... IT'S OUR ONLY HOPE.

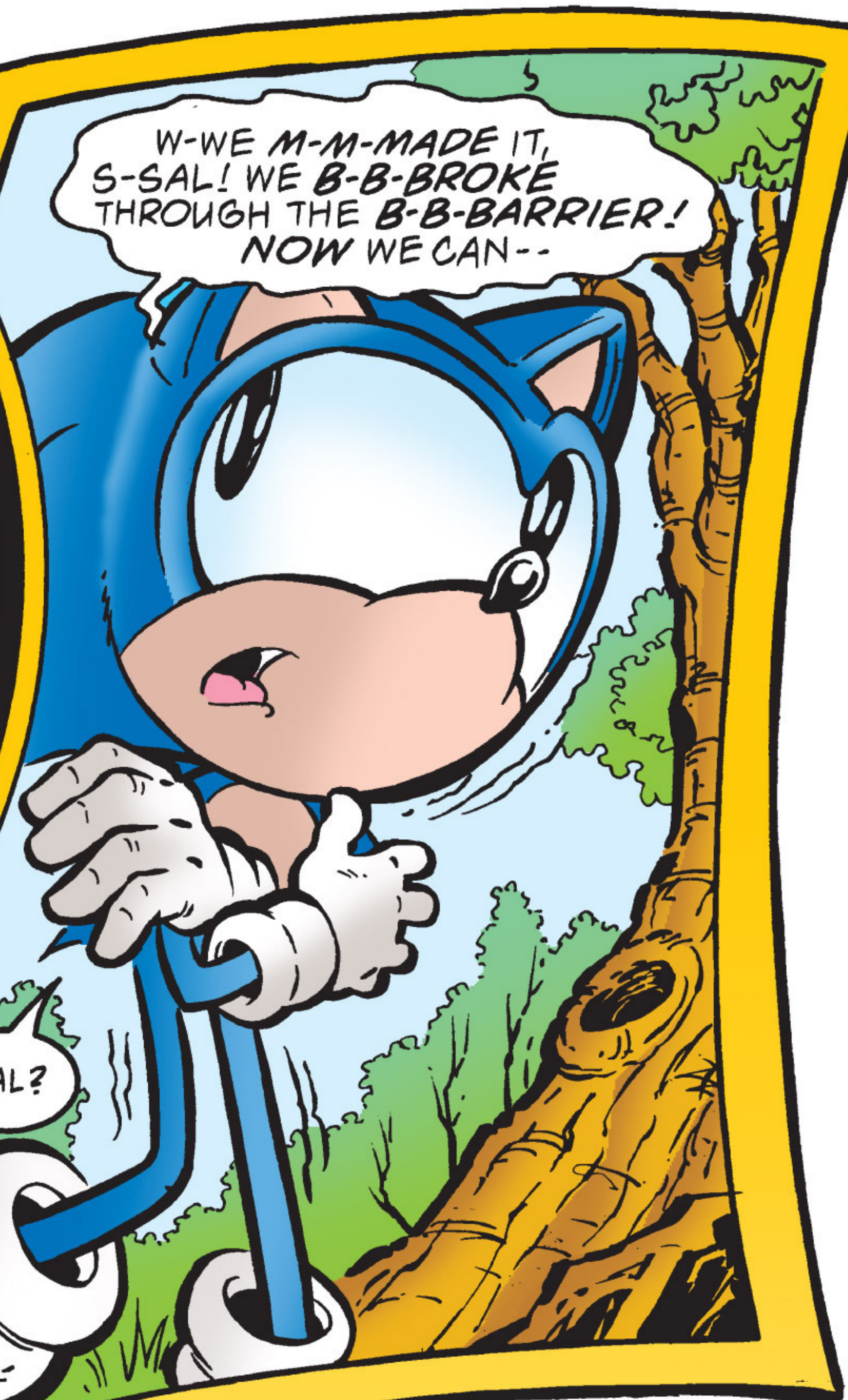


TEN MINUTES EARLIER...



W-WE M-M-MADE IT, S-SAL! WE B-B-BROKE THROUGH THE B-B-BARRIER! NOW WE CAN--

SAL?



WHERE'D YA GO?

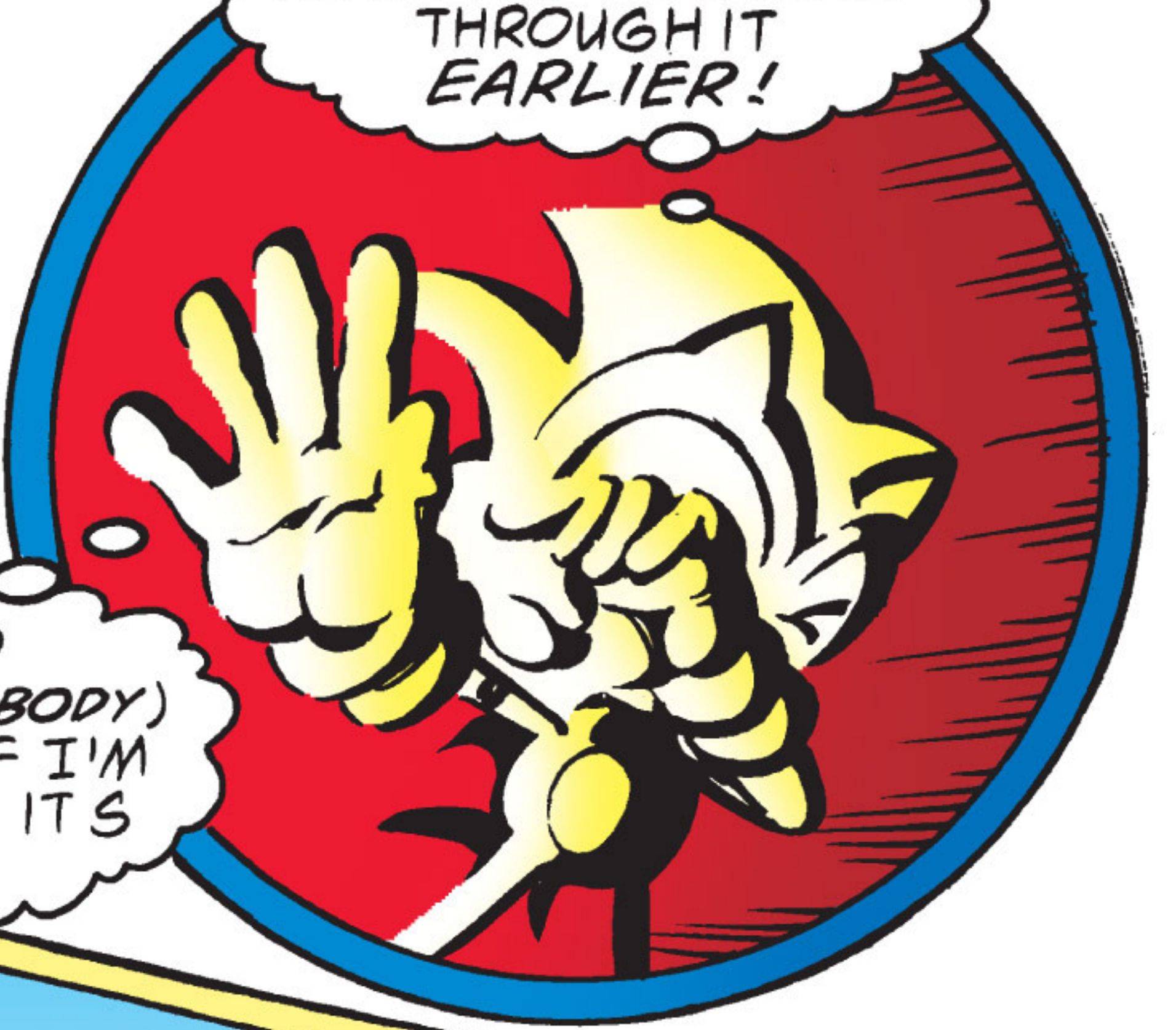
IT DIDN'T WORK-- SURE I USED MY SUPER-SPEED TO ESCAPE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE AND THE TROUBLE THAT'S GOING ON THERE...

MAYBE IF I HEAD BACK INSIDE, I CAN--

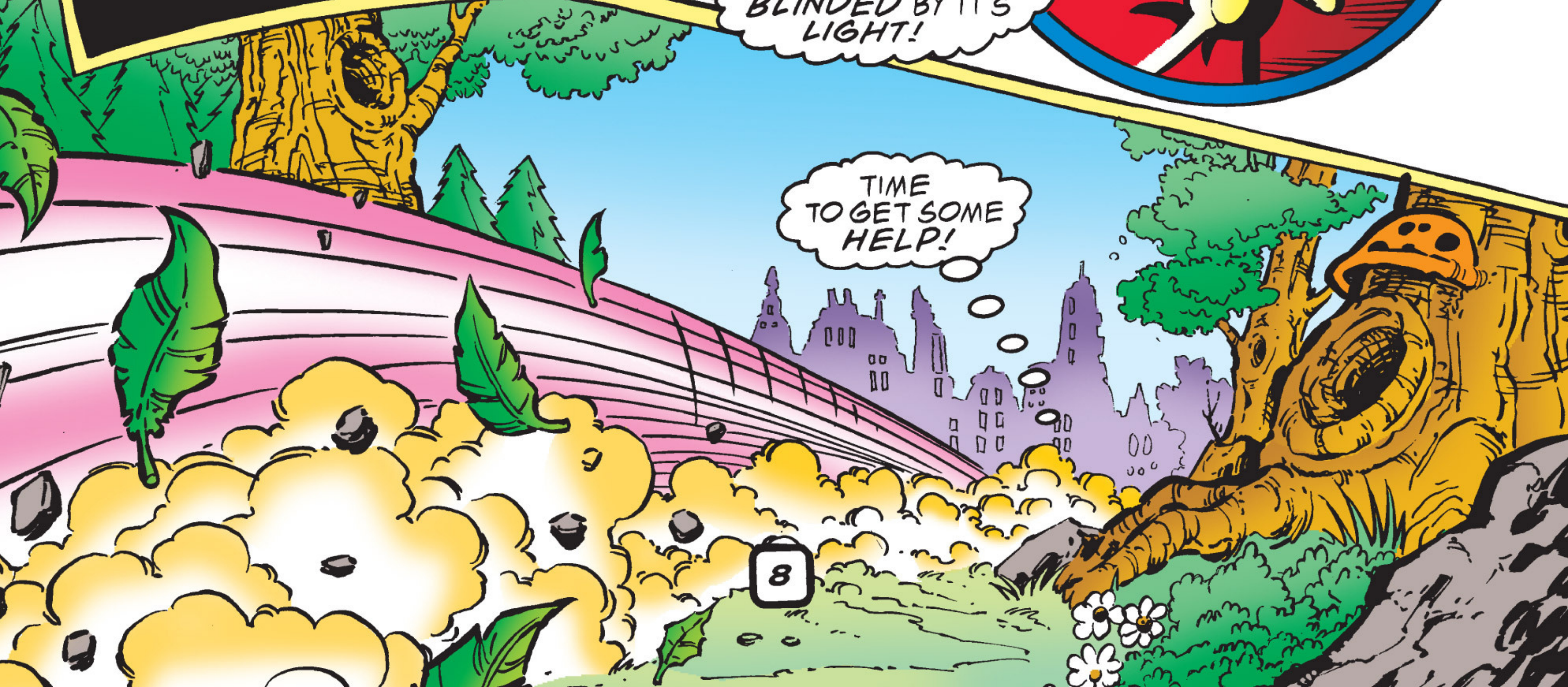
--SCRATCH THAT IDEA FER SURE! THE ENERGY THAT'S COMIN' OUTTA THE GREAT OAK SLIDE-- THE WAY TO KNOTHOLE-- IS THREE TIMES AS BRIGHT AS WHEN WE TRAVELED THROUGH IT EARLIER!

...BUT PRINCESS SALLY WAS SOME-HOW LEFT BEHIND! WHAT DO I DO?

I WON'T DO SALLY (OR ANYBODY) MUCH GOOD IF I'M BLINDED BY ITS LIGHT!



TIME TO GET SOME HELP!



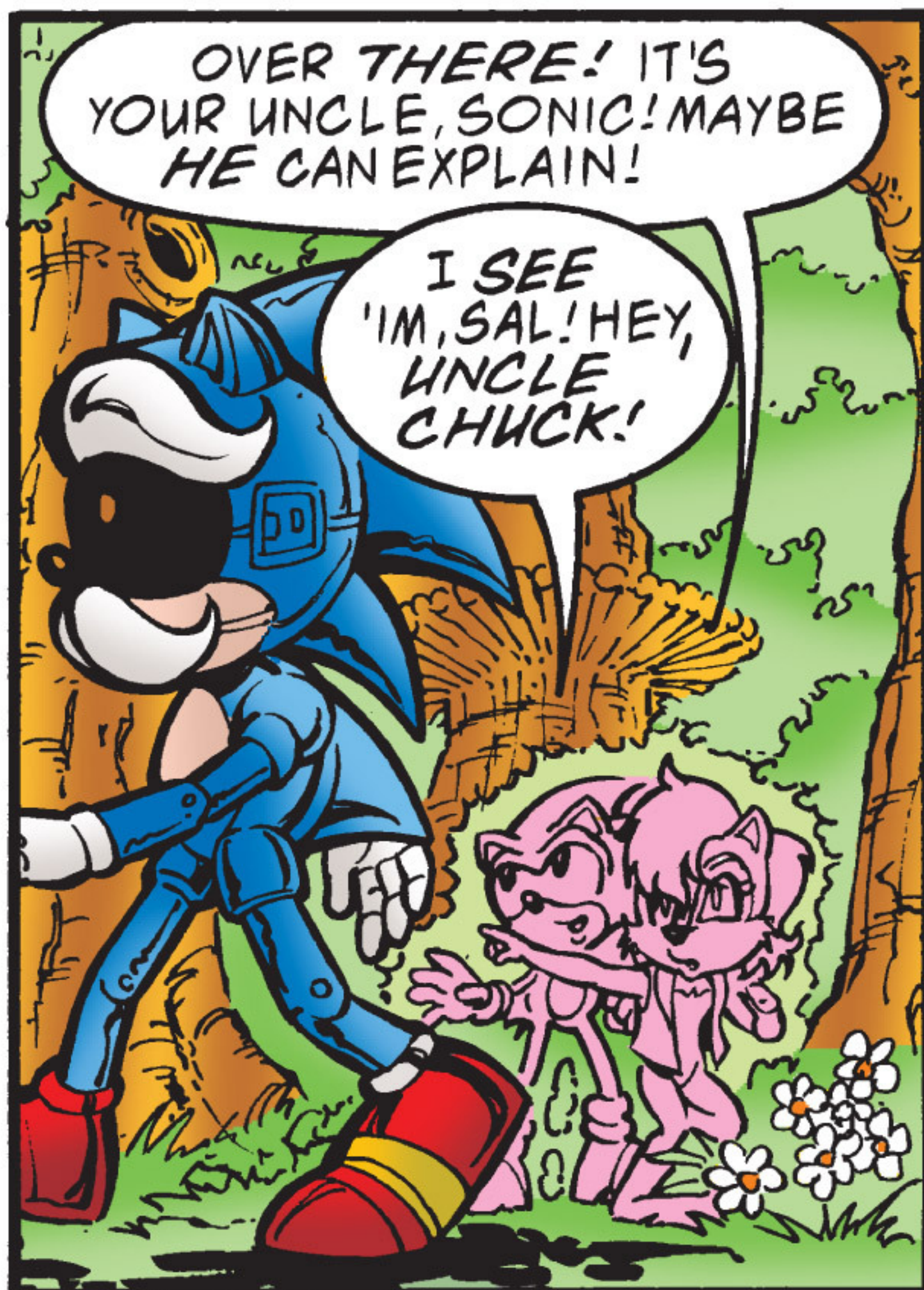


EIGHT MINUTES EARLIER...

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO KNOTHOLE VILLAGE?

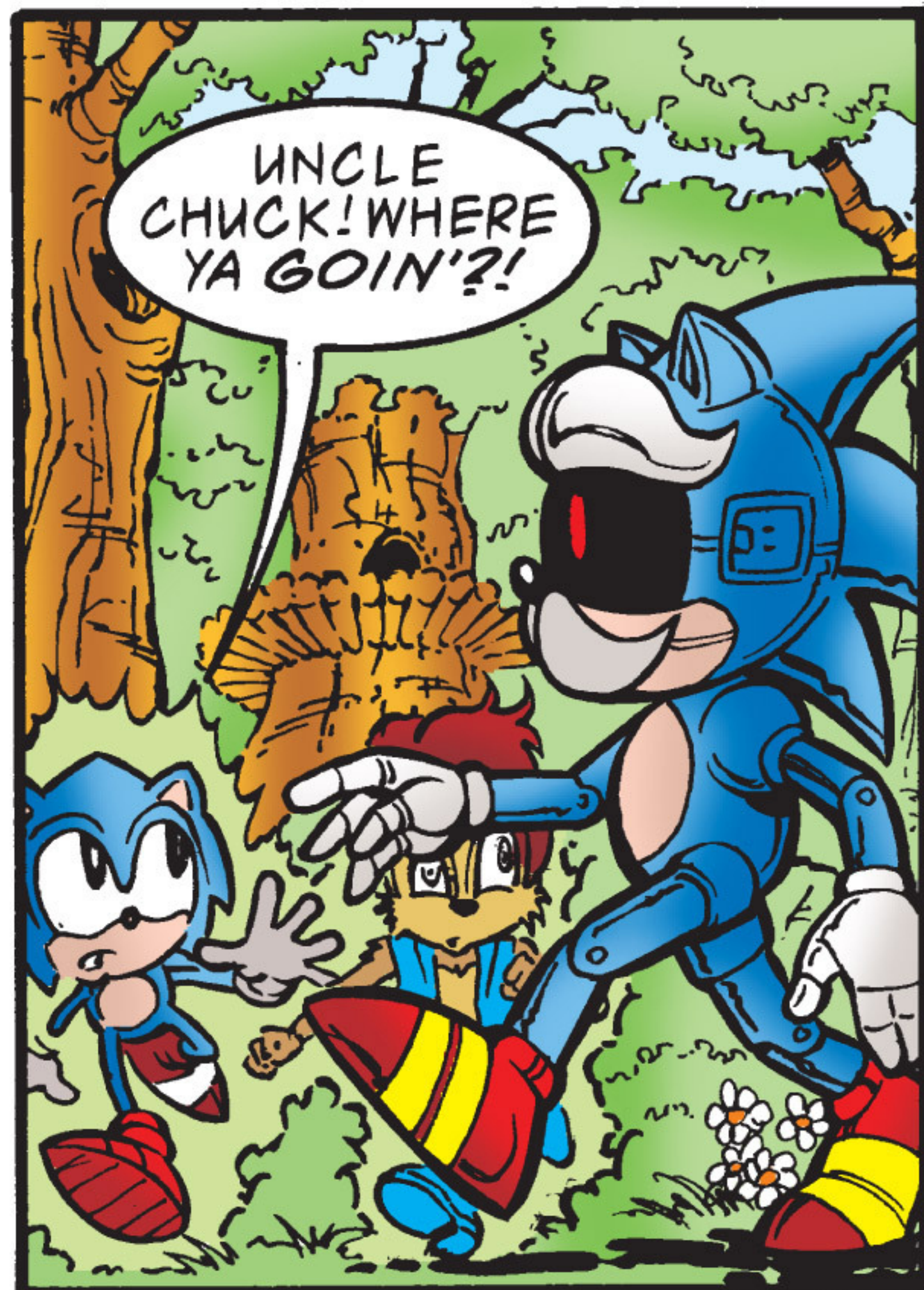
EVERYTHING SURE LOOKS WAY PAST WEIRD, SAL!

I KNOW, SONIC, AND...



OVER THERE! IT'S YOUR UNCLE, SONIC! MAYBE HE CAN EXPLAIN!

I SEE 'IM, SAL! HEY, UNCLE CHUCK!

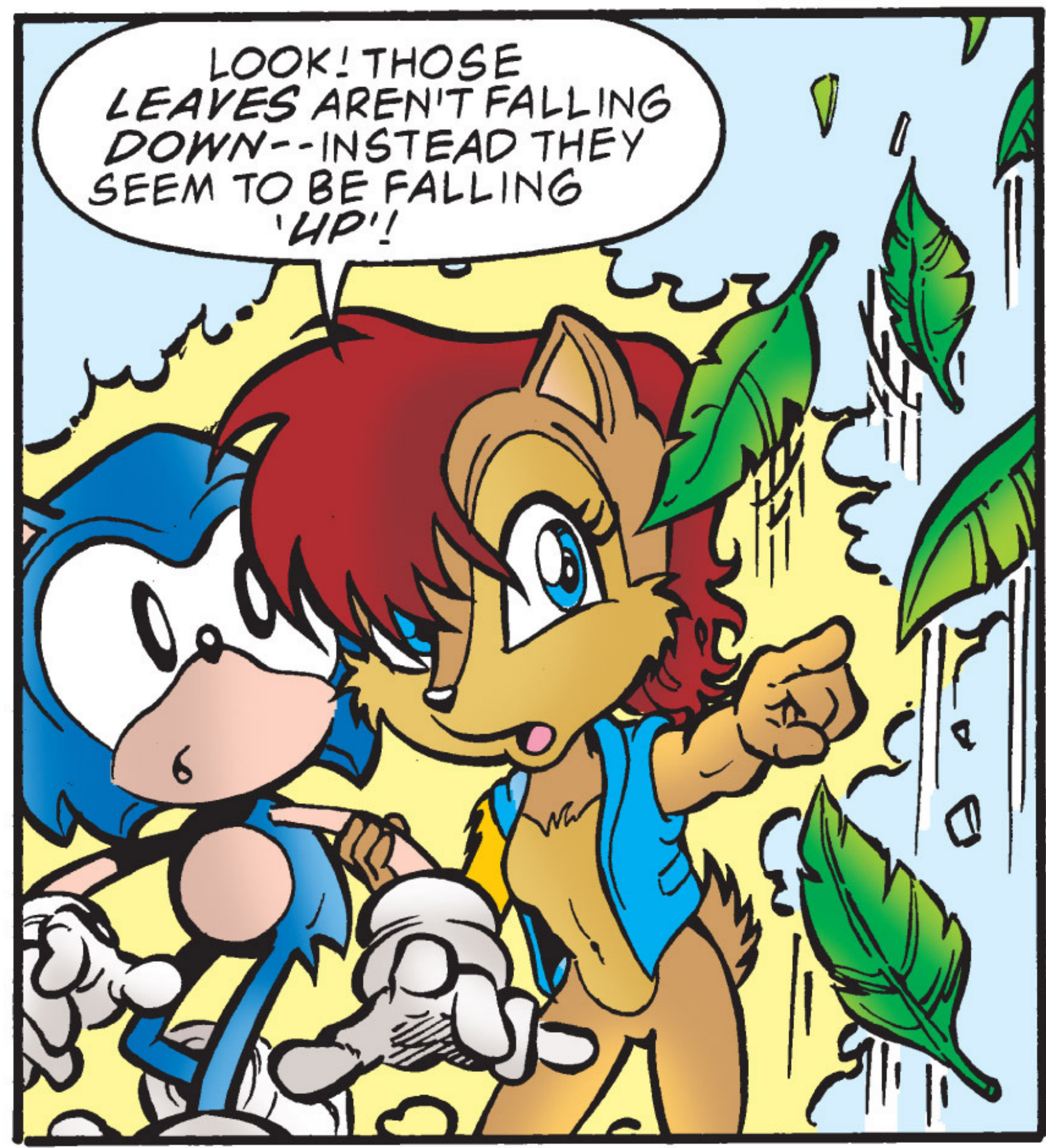


UNCLE CHUCK! WHERE YA GOIN'?!?

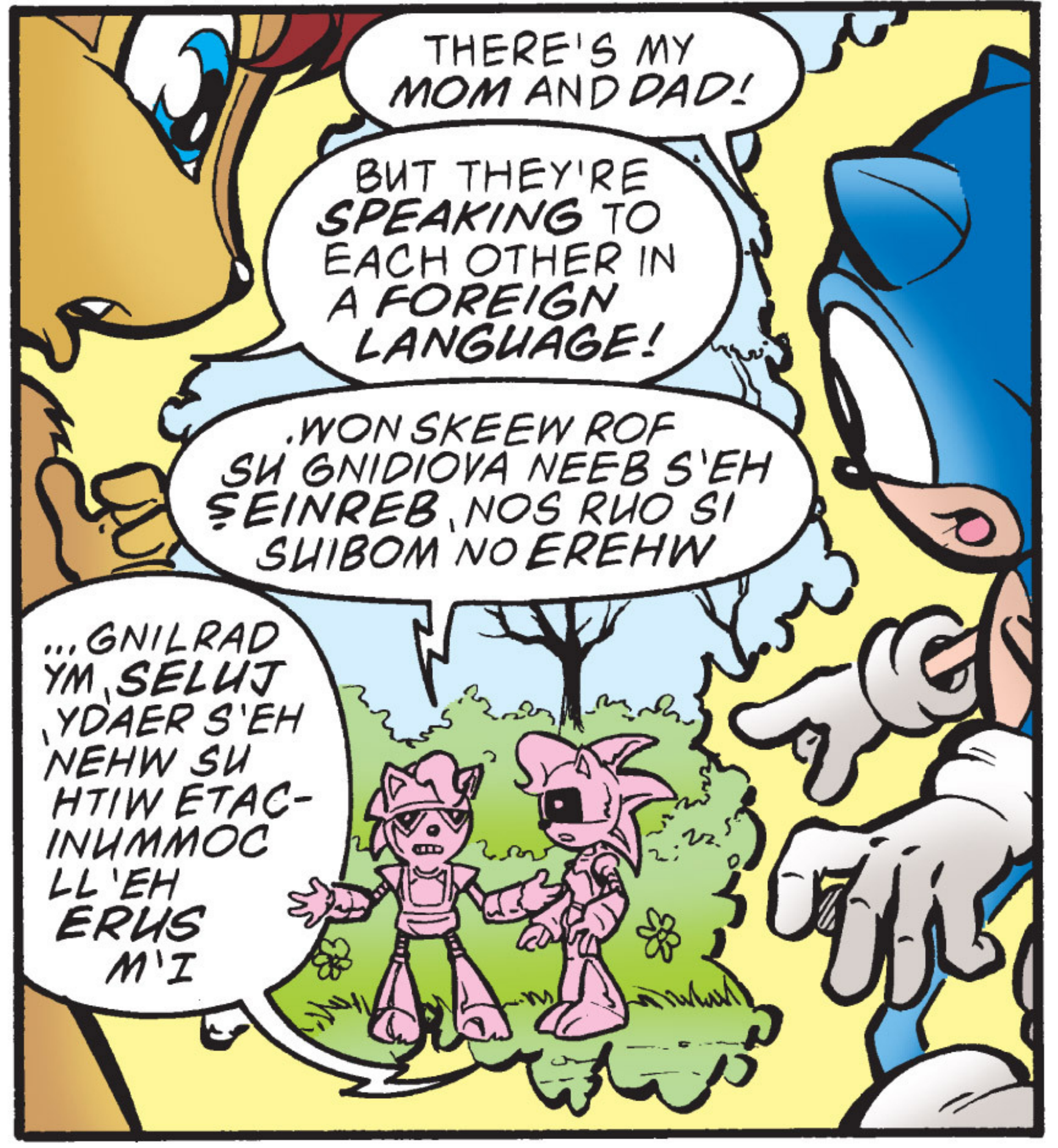


I DON'T GET IT, SAL-- UNCLE CHUCK IGNORED US --ACTED LIKE HE COULDN'T HEAR ME CALLIN' OUT HIS NAME...

...AND WALKED AWAY BACKWARDS TO BOOT!



LOOK! THOSE LEAVES AREN'T FALLING DOWN--INSTEAD THEY SEEM TO BE FALLING 'UP'!

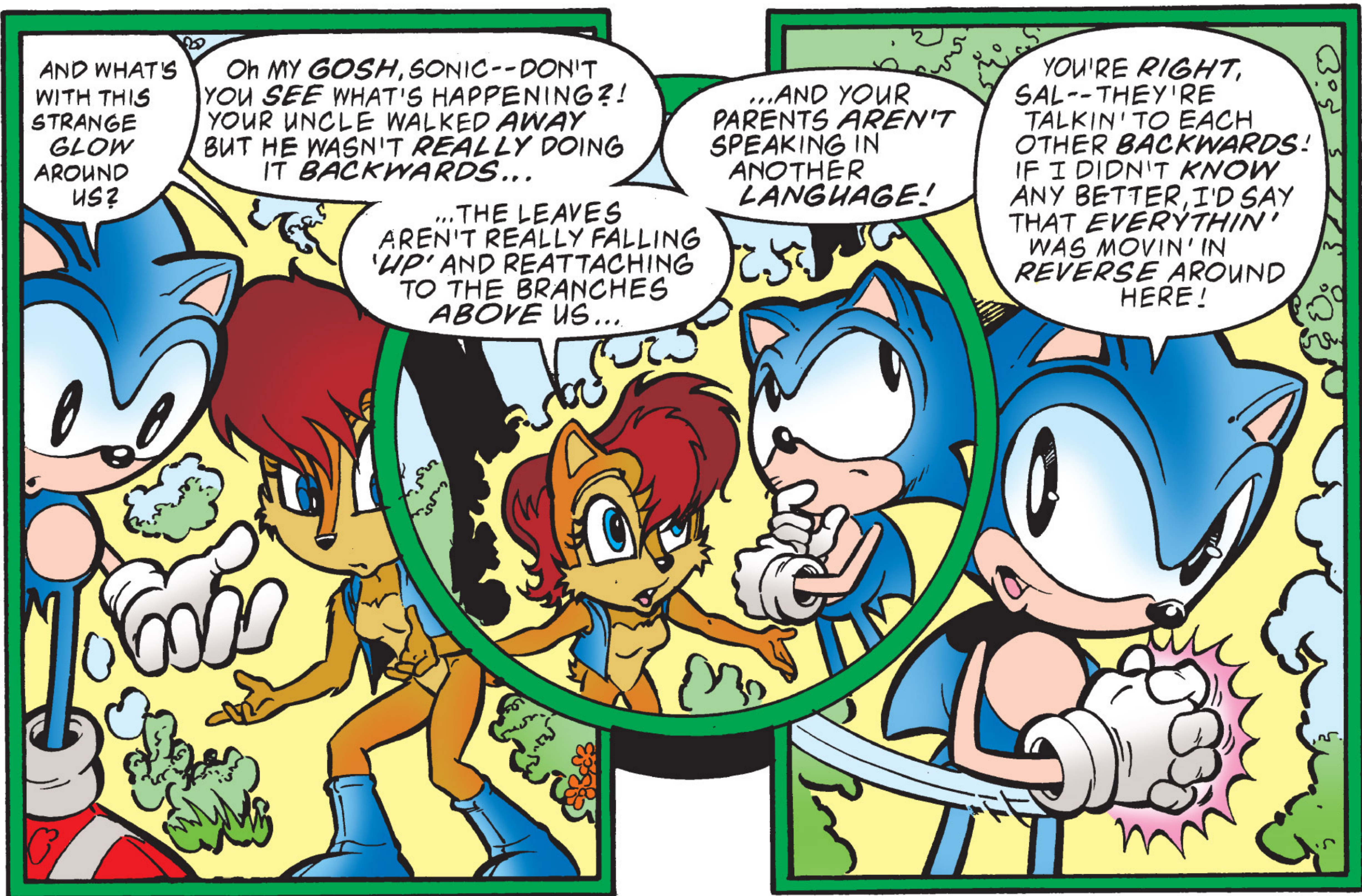


THERE'S MY MOM AND DAD!

BUT THEY'RE SPEAKING TO EACH OTHER IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE!

.WON SKEEW ROF SH GNIDIOVA NEEB S'EH SEINREB, NOS RUO SI SHIBOM NO EREHW

...GNILRAD YM SELUT YDAER S'EH NEHW SU HTIW ETAC-INUMMOC LL'EH ERUS M'I



AND WHAT'S WITH THIS STRANGE GLOW AROUND US?

OH MY GOSH, SONIC--DON'T YOU SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING?! YOUR UNCLE WALKED AWAY BUT HE WASN'T REALLY DOING IT BACKWARDS...

...THE LEAVES AREN'T REALLY FALLING 'UP' AND REATTACHING TO THE BRANCHES ABOVE US...

...AND YOUR PARENTS AREN'T SPEAKING IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE!

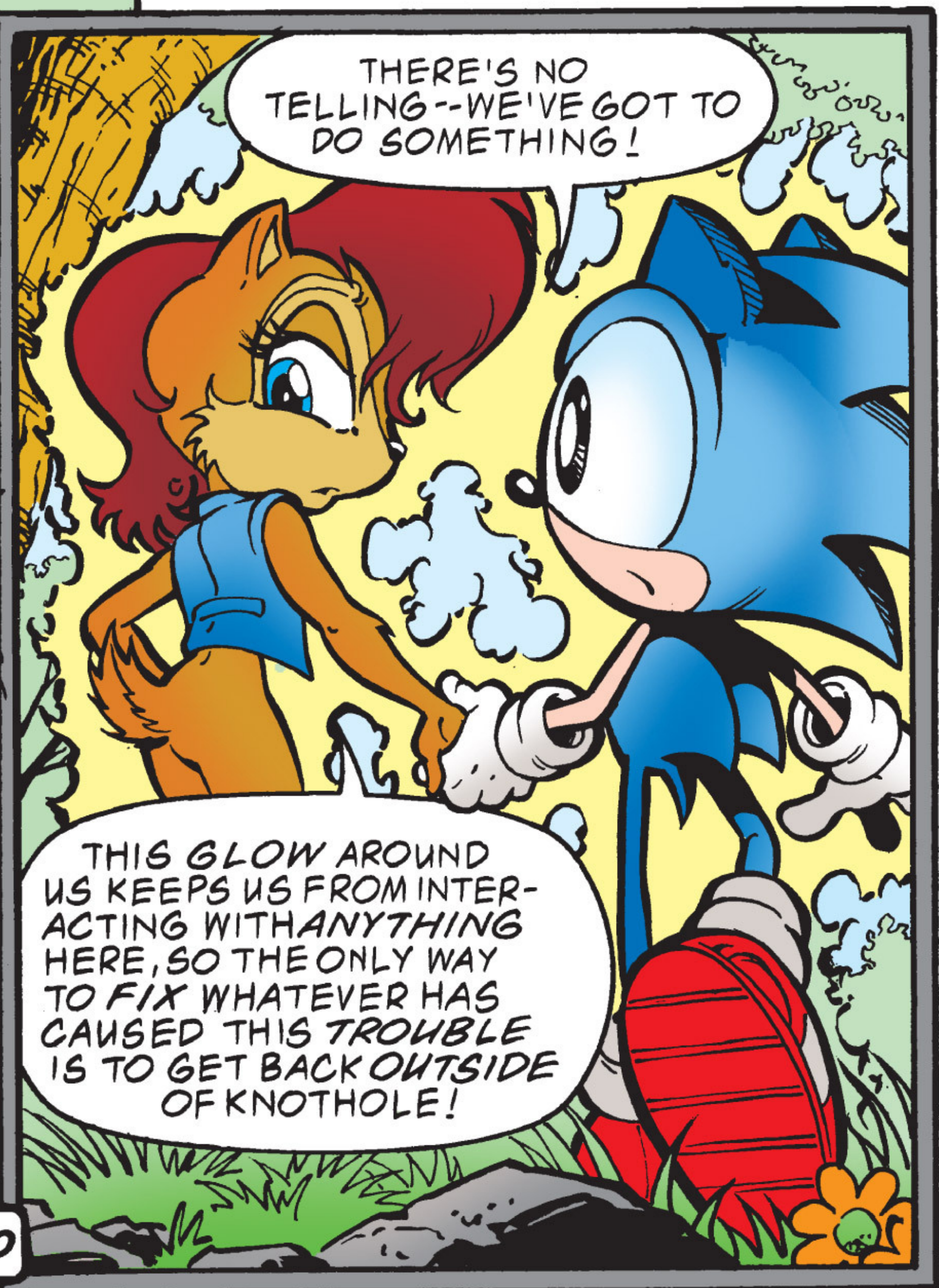
YOU'RE RIGHT, SAL--THEY'RE TALKIN' TO EACH OTHER BACKWARDS! IF I DIDN'T KNOW ANY BETTER, I'D SAY THAT EVERYTHIN' WAS MOVIN' IN REVERSE AROUND HERE!

YOU DO KNOW BETTER, SONIC, BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER --TIME IN THIS LOCATION IS SOMEHOW FLOWING BACKWARDS...

...WHICH ISN'T SO BAD CONSIDERING THAT KNOTHOLE WAS SHOVED THREE HOURS FORWARD IN TIME AS A RESULT OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR!*

BUT WHAT'LL HAPPEN AFTER EVERYTHING'S MOVED BACK PAST THE THREE HOUR MARK?

*Read SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #6.-JFG



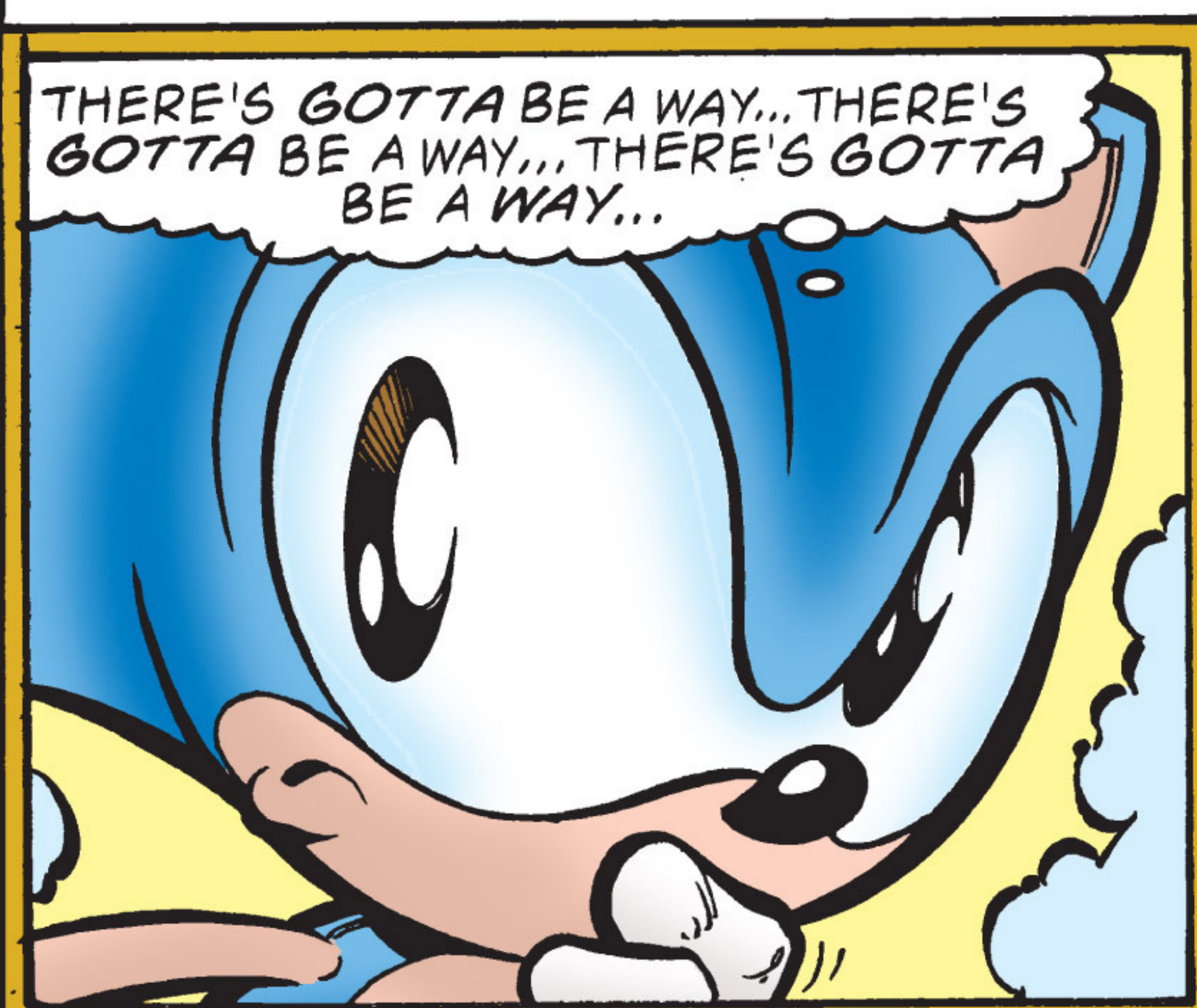
THERE'S NO TELLING--WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!

THIS GLOW AROUND US KEEPS US FROM INTERACTING WITH ANYTHING HERE, SO THE ONLY WAY TO FIX WHATEVER HAS CAUSED THIS TROUBLE IS TO GET BACK OUTSIDE OF KNOTHOLE!



OH GREAT! THE GREAT OAK SLIDE IS PART OF PAST NOW, TOO! THAT MEANS WE CAN'T TOUCH IT AT ALL!

WE'RE TRAPPED, SONIC!



THERE'S GOTTA BE A WAY... THERE'S GOTTA BE A WAY... THERE'S GOTTA BE A WAY...



GOT IT!



I READ THIS IN A COMIC BOOK WHEN I WAS LITTLE, SO IT SHOULD WORK!

YOU'RE KIDDING ME -- RIGHT?

JUST PAY ATTENTION!

IF I USE MY SUPER SPEED TO VIBRATE THE MOLECULES IN OUR BODIES, WE COULD MAYBE PASS THROUGH THIS BARRIER AND GET OUTTA HERE!



SO HOLD TIGHT, SAL...

...CAUSE HERE GOES EVERYTHING!

TEN MINUTES EARLIER...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS, SONIC--THE GREAT OAK SLIDE WE NORMALLY USE TO ENTER KNOTHOLE VILLAGE--

I KNOW, SAL--IT'S TURNED INTO A TUNNEL O' BLINDIN' WHITE LIGHT! AND, MAN THIS IS A WILDER RIDE THAN EVEN I'M USED TO!

THIS TUNNEL DOESN'T SEEM TO END, EITHER!

IT MAY HAVE SOME CONNECTION WITH THAT INCREDIBLE BURST OF LIGHT WE SAW EARLIER, BUT I'M STILL--

SONIC--I'M BEING PULLED AWAY FROM YOU! I CAN'T SLOW MYSELF DOWN!

HANG ON, SAL!
HANG ON!!

COME... ON... GOTTA... REACH...

...JUST A LITTLE... BIT...

...CLOSER!

GOTCHA!

I GET THE FEELING WE SHOULD'VE GOTTEN SOME HELP BEFORE TRYING THIS...

SEVEN
MINUTES
EARLIER...

GOSH, SONIC! I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU DISOBEYED MY FATHER AND WENT TO WEST ROBOTROPOLIS!*

EVEN THOUGH THAT THIEF KODOS STOLE "WINGED VICTORY"** AND IT LOOKS LIKE SNIVELY BIT THE DUST...

... I'D DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN TO SAVE NATE'S LIFE, SAL!

I BELIEVE IT! DON'T WORRY-- I'VE SEEN DADDY ANGRY AND THAT CERTAINLY WASN'T IT, IN HIS OWN WAY, HE'S PROBABLY PROUD OF WHAT YOU AND MY BROTHER DID, YET DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO SHOW IT.

EITHER THAT... OR HE'S REALLY MIFFED BUT TOO HAPPY TO STAY THAT WAY FOR LONG.

* Read last ish.
** Sonic's bi-plane.- JFG

DOCTOR QUACK TOLD US THAT HER CONDITION HAS STABILIZED. NOW HE AND HIS MEDICAL TEAM ARE TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER.

I GUESS HIS SPIRITS ARE UP SINCE YOUR MOM AND BRO CAME HOME AFTER BEIN' LOST ALL THOSE YEARS. HOW IS YOUR MOM, SAL? IS QUEEN ALICIA...?

UNTIL THEN WE CAN ONLY HOPE FOR THE BEST.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR PARENTS, SONIC? THEY SEEMED REALLY WORRIED ABOUT YOU. YOU'VE BEEN AWAY FOR SO MANY WEEKS AND ON YOUR SECOND NIGHT BACK IN TOWN--

I JUST UP AND LEAVE ALL NIGHT WITHOUT TELLIN' 'EM!

LIKE, WOW-- YOU ARE SO RIGHT, SAL! I GUESS I JUST DIDN'T THINK!

I STILL HAVEN'T GOT THIS PARENT THING FIGURED OUT YET, BUT I PROMISE I'LL MAKE LAST NIGHT UP TO 'EM NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS NEXT!

SONIC--WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

I DUNNO, SAL, BUT THAT WEIRD LIGHT'S COMIN' OUTTA THE ENTRANCE-WAY TO KNOT-HOLE VILLAGE! LET'S CHECK IT OUT!

FIFTEEN MINUTES EARLIER...

NATE--
YOU'RE SAFE, MY
OLD FRIEND!

OF COURSE, MAX--IT'LL
TAKE MORE THAN A FEW KID-
NAPPERS TO GET THE
BETTER OF ME!

ELIAS, SOMEBODY'S GOTTA
SAY IT--AS FAR AS RESCUING ROYAL
ADVISORS TO THE KINGDOM OF
ACORN GOES, THE JOB WE DID WAS
WAY PAST COOL!

NO
ARGUMENT
HERE,
SONIC!

OH, BUT THERE IS
ARGUMENT HERE, MY SON!
ELIAS-- YOU ARE THE CROWNED
PRINCE AND, THEREFORE,
SHOULD NOT BE SNEAKING
OFF ON DANGEROUS
MISSIONS ASSIGNED
ESPECIALLY TO MY SECRET
SERVICE AGENTS!

BUT,
FATHER--

NO "BUTS!" AFTER MANY
LONG YEARS OF SEPARATION,
OUR FAMILY IS TOGETHER ONCE
AGAIN-- I WON'T LET ANYTHING
JEOPARDIZE THAT.

KING MAX-- SIR-- IN ELIAS'
DEFENSE, I'VE GOTTA SAY THAT
IF NOT FOR HIS CLEAR-HEADED
REASONIN', THE WHOLE MISSION
MIGHTA BEEN A TOTAL BUST!

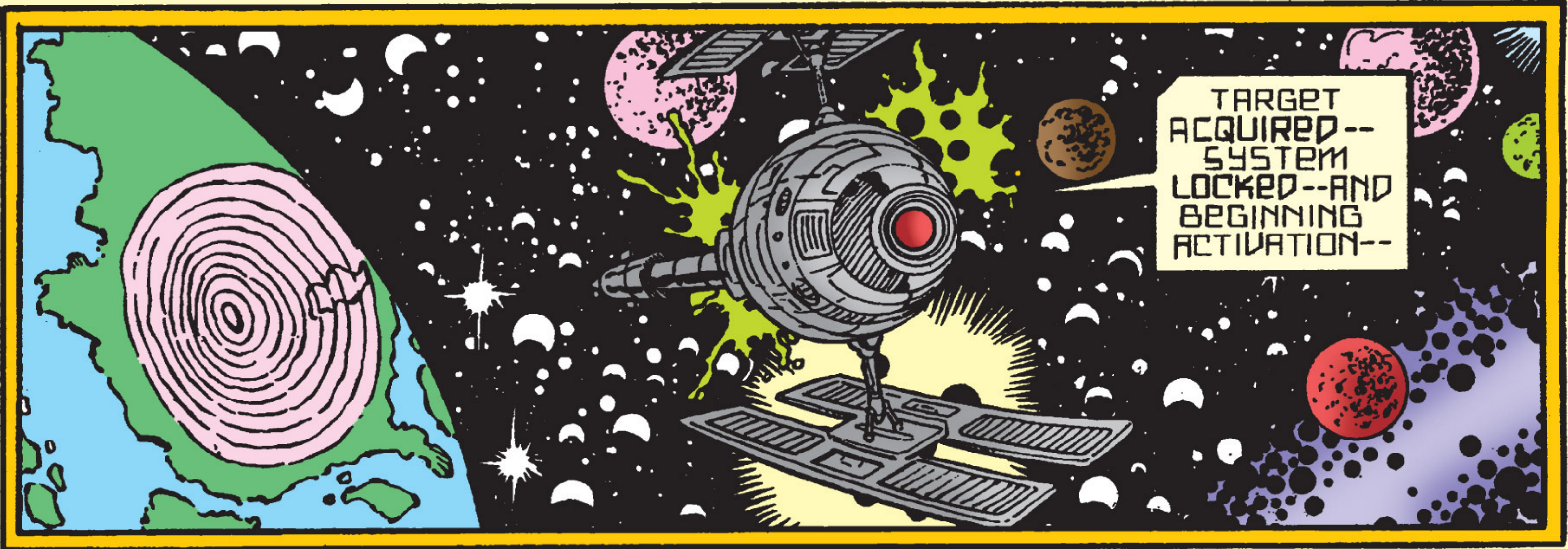
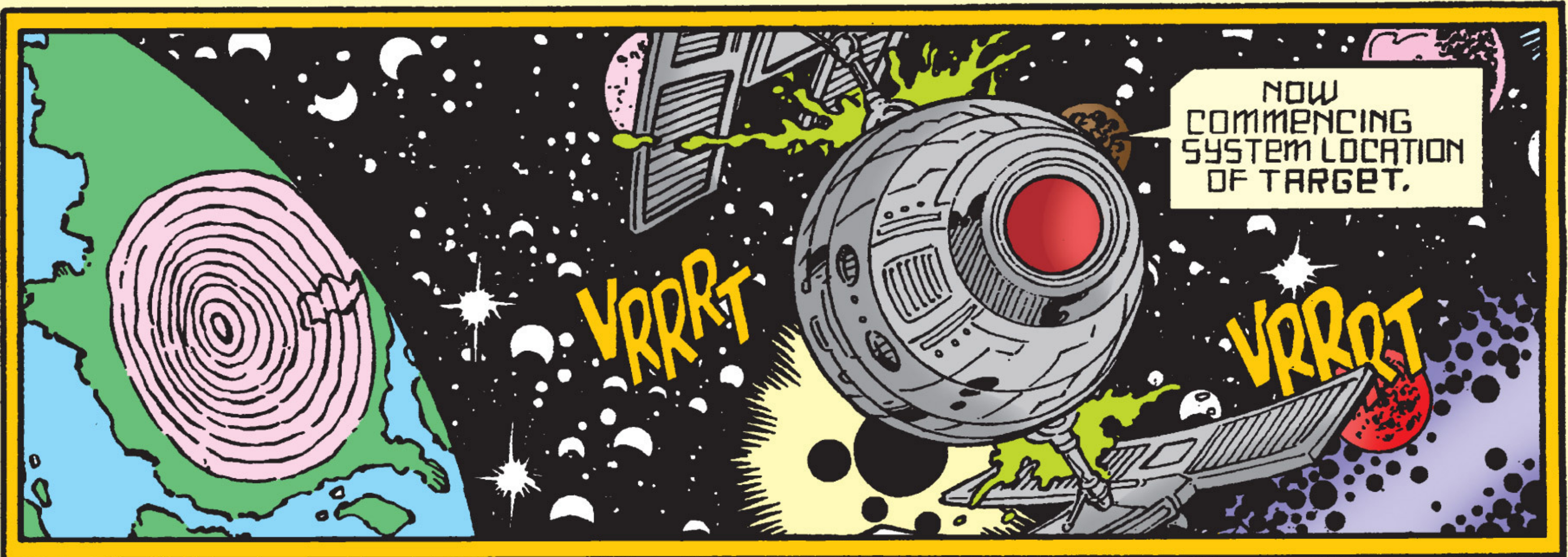
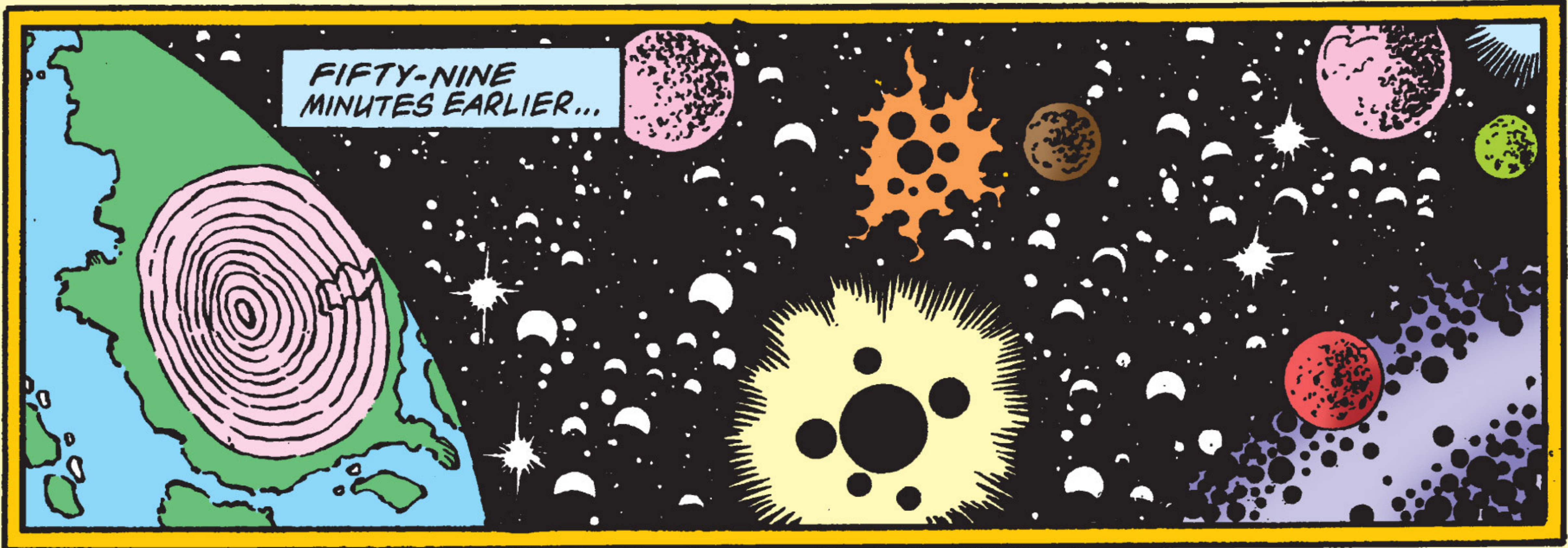
AND WHY WOULD
THAT HAVE
HAPPENED, SONIC?
COULD IT POSSIBLY
BE BECAUSE YOU
INVITED YOURSELF
ALONG AFTER I TOLD
YOU NOT TO PARTAKE
IN THE RECAPTURE
OF SNIVELY AND
HIS RENEGADES?

WELL, YOU
DIDN'T USE THOSE
EXACT WORDS...

SONIC-- THERE YOU ARE!
YOUR PARENTS CALLED ALL NIGHT
ASKING WHERE YOU WERE.

SALLY-- PERHAPS YOU
COULD TAKE SOME TIME OUT
OF YOUR DUTIES AS PRINCESS
TO ESCORT SONIC HOME TO
KNOTHOLE VILLAGE.

OF
COURSE,
DADDY!



THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR A HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO BANDED TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND - - AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

--NOW.

SKRAK!

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